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## Grayling Marine on the mend from shrapnel wounds

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A 122-millimeter rocket fired at Jason Gomez and his fellow Marines three months to the day sent the Grayling native home for Christmas.

Lance Cpl. Gomez, a member of the 1st Marine Division Weapons Company, was blowing off some steam playing football after a day of patrolling the Iraqi streets for terrorists on October 25 when the rocket struck inside the Marine compound.

The blast killed one Marine and injured 18 others. Gomez said the Marines could not hear the rocket being fired because a generator was running where they were located.

"It was a lucky shot, because they shot at us all the time but they never hit inside the compound and out of the blue here comes this thing," he said.

Gomez was struck by shrapnel, which hit him in the back, hip, fractured his leg and shattered the ball of his ankle into six pieces.

Gomez, a trained medic, was scrambling to help his comrades before the adrenaline rush after the blast wore off.

"I knew I was hit because I was bleeding but I could not feel the pain at first," he said.

Gomez, a mortarman, was wounded just before his unit mounted major offensives to

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Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Lance Cpl. Gomez, a member of the 1st Marine Division Weapons Company, stands in front of the mural of the Marine battle at Iwo Jima on the wall outside the American Legion in Grayling.

## City cracking down on income tax evaders

*Twos just days before the end of the year, and city officials have learned that some residents don't have a clue, that a local income tax is due. But for those who blatantly avoid paying the tax to the city, officials have forewarned them they will take no pity.*

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Grayling income tax department officials aren't exactly singing Christmas carols or sending out cards to remind residents of the city income tax, but are sending letters to residents to inform them that they have to pay the tax levy.

All persons who reside in the City of Grayling are required to pay 1 percent of their earnings to the city, and non-residents who work in the city pay 1/2 percent on income earned in the city. City residents who work outside the city are required to pay 1 percent of their earnings to the city.

"We've found that most employers are cooperative and withhold the tax as a courtesy for their employees, but it the responsibility of the resident," said Cheryl Jones, the Grayling Income Tax Department clerk.

Any establishment doing business in the city whether they have an office or place of business and regardless if it has a net profit is required to file an annual return.

Terri McGregor, the City of Grayling's treasurer and income tax administrator, said officials

are cracking down on people who don't pay the tax due to little enforcement in the past. New computer technology allows the city to identify those not filing by cross referencing with the State of Michigan's Income Taxpayers list. Tax Department officials can use names, the amount of income, exemptions and addresses to determine if residents are paying the city income tax. Letters are being sent to residents when discrepancies are discovered.

"It would be foolish of us not to check our information against the state list," McGregor said.

Ordinance violators are subject to fines up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail. There are also an array of late fees and fines which the ordinance allows the Income Tax Administrator to assess. The fines range from 1 percent to 25 percent of the total tax due, depending on whether the filer was late or trying to avoid paying the tax. A finding of "fraudulent intent" could result in a 100 percent penalty.

"I think a lot of people - right or wrong - are not aware of the requirement, and it's our job to make them aware that they need to file the income tax," McGregor said. "I give everyone the benefit of the doubt."

Voters in the City of Grayling adopted the Income Tax Ordinance on May 16, 1972. The ordinance went into effect on

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## Embezzlement case for hotel bookkeeper begins

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The probable cause hearing for a former Grayling hotel bookkeeper accused of bilking thousands of dollars from his employer got off to a slow start last week.

The first day for the preliminary exam for Toby Joseph Shambarger was held in Crawford County District Court last Thursday. Shambarger is being charged with embezzlement/agent trustee of \$20,000 or more.

Shambarger is accused of embezzling \$30,802 in funds from the Holiday Inn-Grayling, where he worked as a bookkeeper from 1991 up until last year, according to court records.

Dean Smith, the general manager for Holiday Inn of Grayling, was the only person called to testify at Shambarger's preliminary exam last week.

Smith said Shambarger was in charge of collecting the deposit envelopes from the restaurant, lounge and front desk for each shift at the hotel, verifying the amount of money in the

envelopes and depositing the money in the bank. Shambarger also received and deposited checks from companies or agencies who used catering, meeting and hotel rooms at the hotel.

In addition, Shambarger received funds from Grand Traverse Vending as well as drink and food vending machines owned by the hotel.

Smith said Mel Lloyd, a night security guard who collected funds from the vending machines owned by the hotel, began making duplicate copies of sales reports given to Shambarger when he became suspicious.

Smith had sales reports and deposit slips reviewed by a Certified Public Accountant before turning the information over the Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard of the Houghton Lake post of Michigan State Police.

Shambarger is accused of embezzling the funds from the hotel between March 29, 2002 and July 31, 2003. He was arrested on January 16, 2004.

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## CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

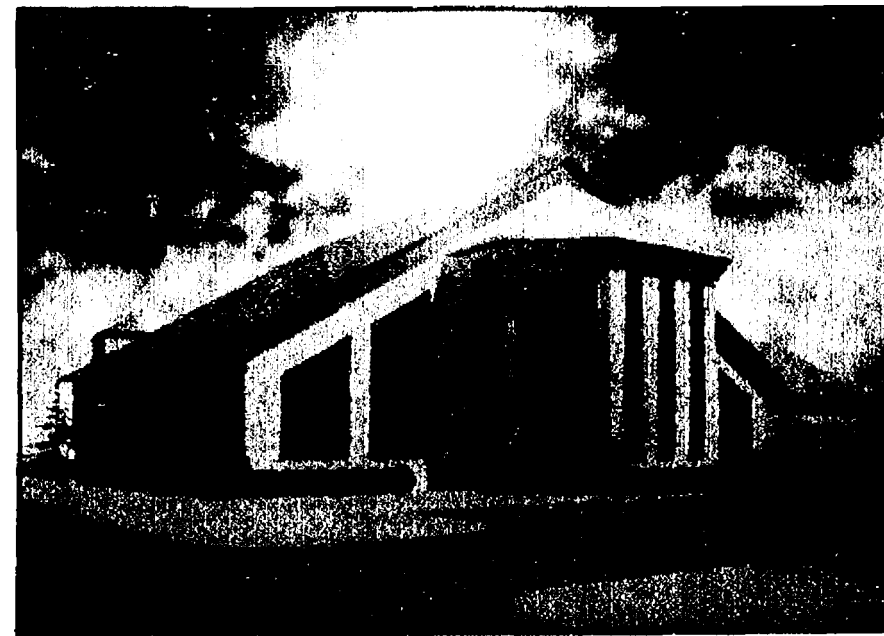


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(Left) Doris Stevens, chairwoman of the St. Mary's Cathedral's Christmas Cookie Walk, and Shirley Bendig, a member of the Catholic Council of Women, placed cookie tins on the table at the church during the second annual Christmas Cookie Walk. Parishioners and citizens were able to buy a tin and pick from the dozens of cookies made by women from the church. They hoped to raise about \$1,200, which will go toward the \$2 million addition for the cathedral which is slated to get under way next year. An artist's rendering of the addition (above) is on display at the church.

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# City Planners to hold public hearing for retail standards

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Amid continued speculation of a "big box" retail store coming into the community, Grayling City officials are taking steps to address larger stores in the city's zoning books.

The Grayling City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Grayling City Hall to discuss a zoning amendment which would address any development over 50,000 square feet.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe suggested planners address "big box" stores in the city's zoning ordinances after the city recently settled a federal lawsuit with an outdoor advertising company. Lamar Advertising sued the city alleging their First Amendment Right to do business in the city was violated after planners denied two applications for billboards in the city. There was no language in the city zoning books that allowed planners to reject the permits.

Changes to the zoning ordinance to address retail developments suggested by Lowe would require developers to: have a reuse plan for the property if the proposed operation ceased; perform a market study to determine if the use is feasible; a special use permit would be required for the development in a commercial



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The recent demolition of the former Carey and Hanson Flooring Mill has furthered interest in property near M-72 and I-75 Business Loop, which developers were seeking to acquire earlier this year for a large retail development.

district; and the developer would have to work with the planning commission regarding architectural standards.

"Any developer coming into Grayling will know the zoning and sign ordinance better than we do," Lowe said in a memo to city planners. "They will also know what we can require them to do under state and federal law. To protect ourselves, we must have local requirements in

place."

Continued speculation regarding a large retail development at the intersection of I-75 Business Loop and M-72 continues to swirl about the community.

The recent demolition of the former Carey and Hanson Flooring Mill has furthered the interest in the area.

Mike Napolitano, director of corporate development for Wolohan which operates Central

Michigan Lumber in Grayling, said there are no current plans for the property.

"It was simply a liability and public safety issue," Napolitano said of the demolition.

City and business officials began to speculate on plans for the property earlier this year after downstate developers expressed interest in purchasing land from the Crawford County Road Commission.

## Library board to re-evaluate the Beaver Creek contract

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The proposed contract for the

Beaver Creek Library is up in the air again. The original contract was first drawn up by Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson this fall. Based on statistics, she proposed to have the library staffed for about 10 hours per week and have the contract run for six months. During that time, the use of the library would be studied while the collection was simultaneously updated. At the end of six months the contract would be renegotiated based on the statistics for those six months.

When Mansfield-Sanderson learned she would be able to have a worker from Michigan Works for six months, she changed the hours of staffing per week to 25.

The contract was brought up for discussion at the November Beaver Creek Township Board meeting, where the board wanted a multi-year contract just like the other branches. Since there was a clause in the proposed contract to allow either party to cancel the contract with 60 days notice, township officials said they were concerned that the six month contract was the first step toward closing the Beaver Creek branch library. They then voted to ask the library for a five year con-

tract.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley attended the November Library Board meeting where he explained the position taken by the Beaver Creek Board. The library board said it was not their intent to close down the Beaver Creek library. However, after listening to his reasoning, the library board voted unanimously to go with a four-year contract (so that all branch library contracts would expire the same year) and keep the 25 hour per week commitment.

At the December 9 Library Board meeting, the proposed contract with Beaver Creek was again brought up for discussion. Trustees Jim Smith and Cheryl Ruley said that upon thinking about their vote on this issue at the last meeting they came to the conclusion that they needed to know more about the Beaver Creek library to make an informed decision. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ruley, to rescind the contract they had approved at the November meeting pending further investigation. Smith and Ruley were appointed as a committee to visit the Beaver Creek library and report back with their findings.

## Long prevails in township trustee race

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Carolyn DiPonio picked up just one vote last week after the ballots were recounted for the Grayling Township Trustee race.

Republican Dennis Long prevailed in the race for the townships trustee seat with 1,474 votes over the 1,455 votes cast for DiPonio after the Crawford County Board of Canvassers recounted the votes last week.

The four members on the Crawford County Board of Canvassers only found one vote which was not tallied by voting machines which was cast in favor of DiPonio and Republican Shawn Kracys, said Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore. Kracys was the

top vote getter in the three-way race in the November general election.

DiPonio, a democrat, asked for the recount after she came up 20 votes short of beating Long for the seat.

"I glad it's over and now I've got to get ready for Christmas," DiPonio said after the recount.

Long, a detective for the Grayling City Police Department and a former Crawford County Commissioner, has taken part in two township meetings and is also on the township planning commission.

"I have full faith and credit in the local election workers and look forward to serving on the township board," Long said.

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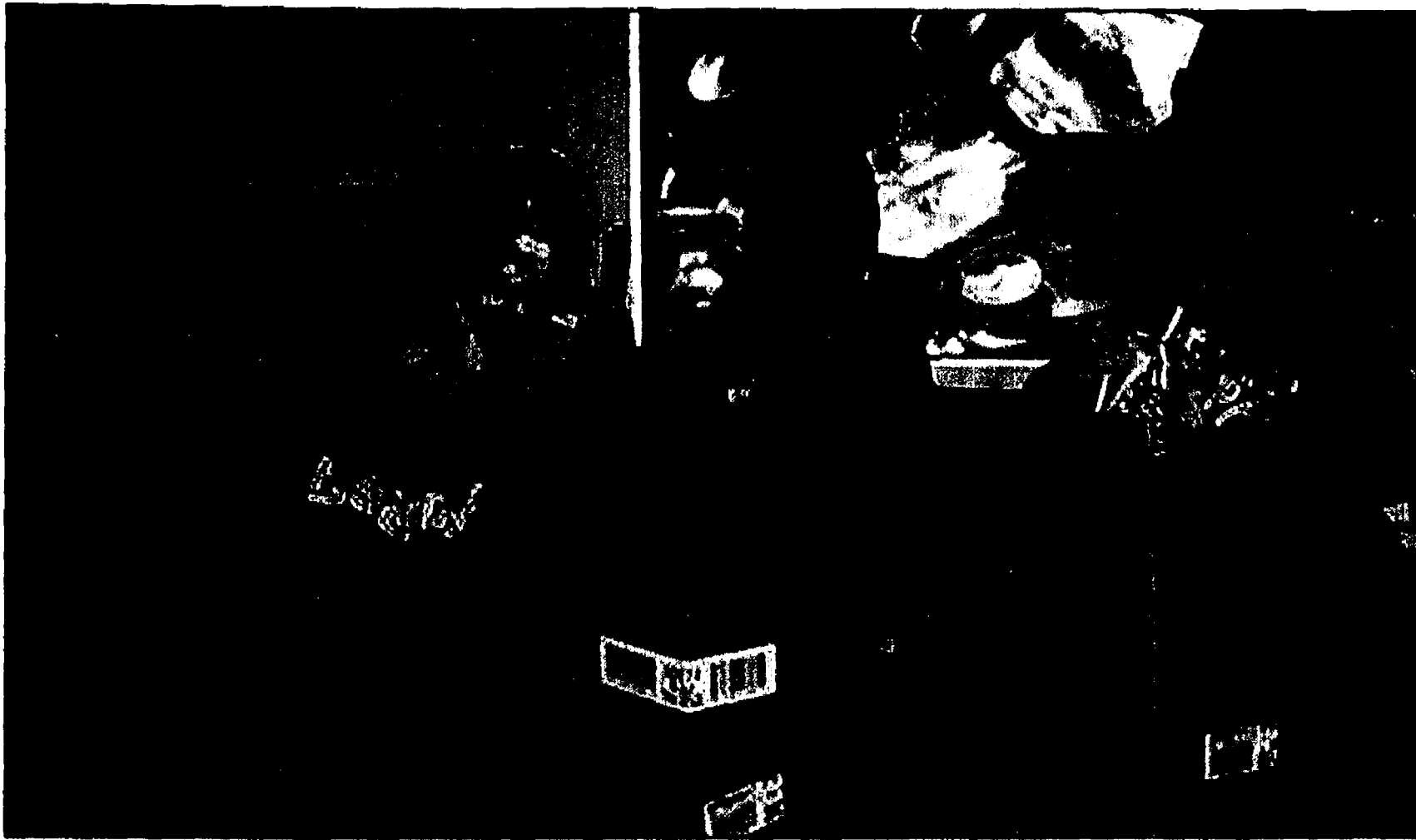


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Eight parents of students at Grayling Elementary School are either being deployed or are already stationed overseas. The students and staff at the school are busy collecting items - food, practical or fun - for them. Anyone wishing to add items to the collection should drop them off at the GE office by December 21. Shown here adding some fun items to the collection are 4th graders (left to right) Jo Hamlin, Alyssa Morley, Brittney Turner and Elaina Withers, whose father will be serving in Iraq starting in late January.

## City explores downtown farmer's market plan

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

In an effort to plant more people and business downtown, Grayling city officials are exploring the possibility of opening a seasonal farmer's market.

The Grayling City Council has approved a \$3,695 match for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Enterprise grant to explore the feasibility of opening a farmer's market in downtown Grayling.

City of Grayling and Huron Pines Resource and Conservation Development officials have been working on the Uptown Farmers' Market and Destination Tourism Initiative for the past couple of months in an effort to draw people into the downtown area.

"There are a lot of cool little shops in the downtown area but people just blow through town and we just thought this would be a good idea to get them to come downtown to spend some time," said Kathleen Ryan, a project coordinator with Huron Pines Resource and Conservation District.

If the grant is approved, a feasibility study will be done and a business plan will be developed for the farmer's market. If the study indicates the project will

be viable, a small scale farmers market would be operated during the summer of 2005.

"Any time you can help promote small business, economically it will help," said Tom Trimmer, a business cooperative specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture. "If nothing more it will bring people downtown."

A total of \$22,335 would be requested to hire a farm market manager and purchase equipment for the market if the initiative moves forward.

Kim McClain, a Grayling City Council member, suggested allowing vendors to set up booths in one of the vacant buildings downtown if a suitable outdoor site can not be obtained.

"It would be a novelty because it would be fresh produce right from the farm fields," McClain said.

Doug Meroney, manager for the Grayling Uptown District Association, said business owners have written letters of support for the farmer's market.

"It would be an outstanding draw for locals and outsiders alike," Meroney said. "I've been in a lot of other places where they have had farmer's markets and I've always found that they've been very successful."

Linda Cronk, director for Michigan State University Extension, said Extension officials would help promote health and nutrition initiatives through the farmer's market. The extension gives out coupons called Project Fresh through the Woman Infant and Children's program which can be redeemed for fresh produce at the farmer's market.

"Anytime you have a sustainable food supply, it's something that is great to have in the community," Cronk said.

The farmer's market would help promote the Wellington Farm Park as well as Jim's Farm Market instead of trying to compete against the farm park and local business.

Howard Taylor, president of Wellington Farms, said he would appreciate any cooperative ventures, but believes it would be difficult to draw regular vendors to the farmer's market.

"The farmers in northern Michigan are few and far between," Taylor said.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said he believes the city may be able to bring more grant funds into the community through agriculture, tourism and Michigan Economic Development Corporation officials if the farmer's market is established.

"It's one of those things that they're trying to promote, they like them and they show a healthy community," Lowe said.

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## Library actively trying to recover lost books

People who abuse the Crawford County library system beware. Those who decide the book is so good they want to keep it forever, or those who check out books and return them missing pages may soon find themselves in court.

The warning is aimed at people who are chronic book confiscators or damagers, not patrons who occasionally forget to return a book on time or accidentally damage a book.

Currently, library policy allows a patron to check out 30 books and a few people have taken advantage of that to build their own libraries. By sending these cases to the prosecutor, Mansfield-Sanderson is sending a message that this will no longer be tolerated.

Over the past few years, no actions have been taken to stop people from keeping library books forever, or damaging them beyond repair.

Mansfield-Sanderson said, "I take my duties very seriously. The taxpayers in this county voted to support our library system. It is my responsibility to ensure that public funds are used responsibly and that the libraries function at their best. Unreturned and/or damaged books cost our library thousands of dollars each year that could otherwise be utilized. It is a

shame that a small portion of the population can hurt the whole community."

Letters will be written to remind the patron their books are overdue. If the books are not returned, a registered letter will be sent. If that doesn't spark an action to return the books, the case will be turned over to the prosecutor who will decide what needs to be done on a case-by-case basis.

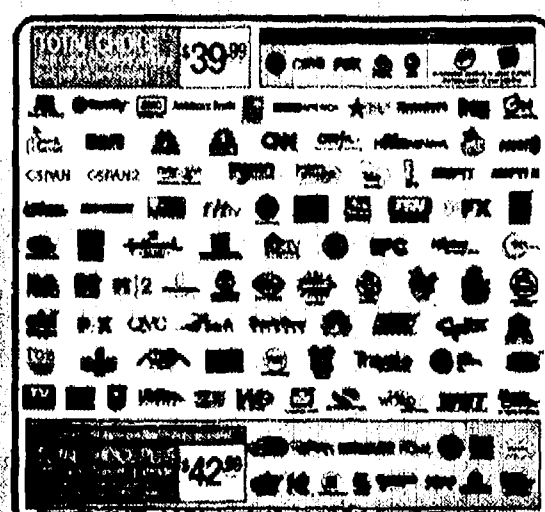
Grayling City Police will be helping to address the issue by

documenting and following through with complaints.

Mansfield-Sanderson said, "It really shows how important the library is to all, when all of the necessary entities are so willing to work together."

Anyone with lost or missing books is encouraged to contact the library to discuss the problem before the prosecuting attorney's office gets involved. Mansfield-Sanderson said, "we are willing to work with anyone who is in this position."

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## Curling club is holding open house

The Lewiston Curling Club will be holding an open house on Saturday, December 18, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The public is invited to experience the "hottest sport on ice." Open curling every Monday night in December from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Leagues forming soon for January 3, 2005 start. Lewiston Curling Club is located at 4230 Sailing Ave. (Co. Rd. 612), two blocks west of downtown blinker light. For more information contact Doug Hyde at 989-732-8177 or Karl Scheiterlein at 989-731-4782.

## Lions Club is selling Lucky 13 raffle tickets

The Grayling Lions Club is holding its semi-annual Lucky 13 raffle once again. Only 300 tickets are sold with 13 weekly drawings held from January 7 to April 1, 2005. Cost of the tickets are \$13.00 each, raffle tickets are eligible to win all 13 drawings with a pay out of ten weeks at \$100 and three weeks at \$300. To purchase your tickets or receive more information contact Bob Weller at 989-348-1460.

## Tabernacle presents "Adoration"

The Burning Bush Tabernacle, 501 E. Michigan Ave., will present "Adoration" on Sunday, December 19, at 6 p.m. Dessert fellowship to follow the service. Public welcome. For more information call 348-1278.

## Church youth present Christmas musical

The children and youth of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 E. Michigan Ave., will be presenting the Christmas musical, "Stranger in the Manger" on Sunday, December 19, at 5 p.m. Public welcome.

## Animal Shelter is selling holiday gifts

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County still has available board games, cookbooks and calendars, suitable for holiday gift giving. Creature Comfort Cookbooks, \$15 and 2005 Pet or Dog calendars, \$5, are available at the Avalanche office. Dog Opoly and other board games, \$25, are on sale at The Copy Shop. Also, "Driving Into the Future" raffle tickets, \$100, for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango SLT and help build a new shelter may be the answer for that hard to buy person this year. All proceeds go towards paying daily operating expenses at the shelter. For more information on fund-raising items, including pet gift baskets, call Cheryl at 348-1429.

## Proposal 1 may deter gambling problems, experts say

by Jonathan Malavolti  
Capital News Service

People with gambling problems may benefit from voter passage of Proposal 1.

Officials from the state's Department of Community Health and the Gaming Control Board expect that it will be tougher to get communities to approve new operations, thus deterring startups. And that could mean people will be less likely to develop gambling problems such as addiction, they say.

"I would think there'd be a greater increase in compulsive gambling if the initiative had not passed and they opened up nine new casinos next to my house," said Eric Bush, director of Public Affairs for the Gaming Control Board.

The proposal, which voters approved 2.6 million to 1.9 million on Nov. 2, requires all new gambling operations, including casinos at race tracks, but not Indian tribal casinos, to be approved by voters at both the local and state level.

"Many people who have the addiction say their downfall has been the fact that they could drive to a place quite easily. Now they no longer have to go clear to Windsor or maybe Mount Pleasant from the Detroit area," Bush said.

T.J. Bucholz, the communications director at Community Health, said the change should help reduce compulsive gambling.

"People don't want casinos in their back yards, so if it's harder for casinos to open, that's good for gambling addiction," he said.

The state offers treatment for compulsive gamblers under a 1997 law which sets money aside for counseling, Bush said. People without insurance can go to a qualified counselor for free, he said.

"The money comes from the lottery, horse racing and the three Detroit casinos," Bush said.

The law created a "compulsive gaming provisions fund," which collects about \$3 million a year that is spent mainly on anti-gambling advertisements, but also on the Neighborhood Service Organizations in Detroit, which offers counseling state-wide.

Another tool the Gaming Control Board uses to counter compulsive gambling in casinos is the Disassociated People's List.

About 850 people have signed onto the list, according to Dan Gustafson, the board's executive director. They voluntarily bar themselves from all casinos in the state.

The list has been successful in curbing some addicted persons' play, but it isn't the perfect tool to stop it altogether, Gustafson said.

"Like any addiction, there'll be relapses," he said. "People will try and disguise themselves to get into a casino, like wear a fake mustache."

## Secretary of State offices to close for the holidays

All Secretary of State offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on December 23 through 25, 30 through 31, and January 1 in observance of the state holidays during Christmas and New Year's.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's licensed or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office by renewing by mail or if eligible, by Internet or

touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

Branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER! Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, with SUPER! Centers also providing Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information visit the Department of State Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

## 'Meet the Grads' to be held at GHS

Grayling High School will be hosting the traditional "Meet the Grads" on Wednesday, December 22, at the GHS media center.

To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to relate their experiences concerning continued education to current high school juniors and seniors. Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the event by sharing their feelings about the transfer

from GHS to other educational positions.

This reception will be held in the media center from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend.

This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the counseling office. We encourage all persons currently involved in continued education to attend the annual presentation of this event.

For more information contact Teresa Bonamic at 344-3512.

## Kirtland's art students offer exhibition reception

The Kirtland Art Department has scheduled its fall semester Student Art Exhibition and Reception for Friday, December 17, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

The event is being hosted on the Kirtland Community College campus, in the Art Department, and features work created by all of the college's fall semester art students. The department offers classes in photography, drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, illustration and design, as well as computer generated imaging, digital communications and computer animation.

According to art instructor Scott Rice, all art students are required to have at least one piece in the show, meaning there will be more than 200 pieces of artwork on display.

"Every art show seems to be better than the last," Rice said. "The students are always improving. This is their chance to sit back and enjoy everyone else's finished pieces."

As usual, refreshments will be served.

In addition to the student art show, Kirtland is also hosting artist Durwood Coffey on Tuesday, December 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Art

Gallery/Kirtland House. Coffey, a wildlife artist, is the winner of this summer's AuSable Valley Nature Art Exhibition. He will be discussing his techniques, interests and passions while he creates his stunning work.

For more information about Kirtland's art programs, call 989-275-5000, ext. 284, or visit the college's Web site at: [www.kirtland.edu](http://www.kirtland.edu).

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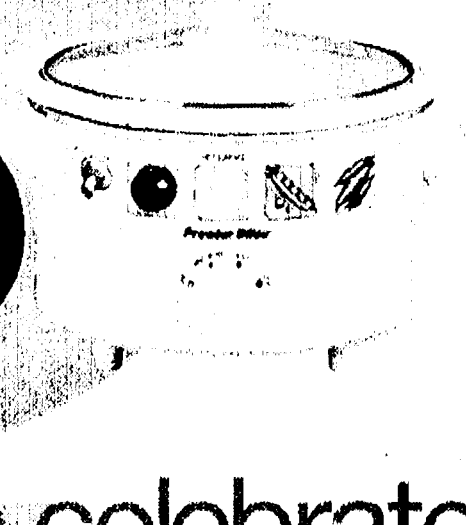
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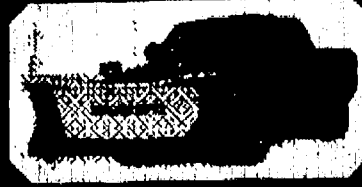
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## Merry Christmas

Have you ever wondered why those two words create so much controversy every year? Why should the public display of a nativity scene invoke multi-millions of dollars in lawsuits? Why is "political correctness" so repressive of any mention of the person, the occasion, or the reason behind this national celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ?

You certainly don't hear such opposition to Santa Claus or the reindeer, or Christmas trees or other forms of decorations or celebration for the holiday. Yet most of those who press for the removal of Jesus Christ from the holiday do not believe Jesus Christ is any more real than Santa Claus. They believe the whole celebration of the Christmas holiday is based upon religious mythology.

Then why do they become so worked up over something they believe to be nothing? We who believe in and worship Jesus Christ do not try to stamp out their belief and practice of mythology. Are those who claim to be offended by any and all public mention or displays which honor the person, work, and word of our Lord Jesus Christ really acting out of guilt and

fear? Some want to return to the pagan winter solstice festivals of the past which would free them from any mention of the birth of Jesus.

The first wartime president of my lifetime was Franklin D. Roosevelt. He said on December 24, 1944 during a national wartime message: "Here at home, we will celebrate this Christmas Day in our traditional American way because of its deep spiritual meaning to us; because the teachings of Christ are fundamental in our lives; and because we want our youngest generation to grow up knowing the significance of this tradition and the story of the coming of the immortal Prince of Peace and Good Will." Can you imagine the reaction if President Bush were to speak those same words today?

The U.S. Congress still recognizes Christmas as a legal public holiday in America. The U.S. Supreme Court has acknowledged and approved the nation's recognition of religiously significant holidays such as Christmas. It is not illegal for any school or government officials to use the term "Christmas" or "Christmas Vacation" in reference to December 25th. The U.S. Constitution claims no control or

control over private religious expression of private individuals, businesses, or workplaces. (Above legal facts gleaned from The Legal Alert, December 2004, printed by the Christian Law Association.)

Government recognition of Christmas as a paid public holiday for government employees does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The same First Amendment assures the average citizen that we have the Constitutional right to stand up and speak up as we celebrate the birth of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Many times we are miserable failures at public witnessing of our faith. If Jesus Christ and Christmas are removed from our public witness and celebration, it will be because Christians have been intimidated into public silence. I challenge you to publicly glorify the name of Jesus Christ in every way you can this Christmas season. Help put Christ back in Christmas! Merry Christmas! Pastor "B"

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## Local youth raise funds for animal shelter



An idea by Kelsee Dean sent her and her friends to the streets giving away baked goods and candy to people who would donate money to the Crawford County Animal Shelter. In all, the group collected \$136. Pictured are Sarah Robinson, Brandon and Rebecca Latusek, Kelsee Dean, Alex Robson and Darcy Greer. The kids collected donations from the neighbors and visitors of the Sherwood Forest and Ole Dam Road area.

## Junk cars cleaned up under new legislation

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land today commended the Legislature for taking action against a scourge of urban and rural communities - abandoned junk cars.

Land, who oversee the agency responsible for titling and registering vehicles understands the problems abandoned vehicles cause and has campaigned for revision to the law since the start of her administration.

Lawmakers approved House Bill 4231 late Thursday, which streamlines abandoned vehicle procedures, freeing up law enforcement to concentrate on more serious crimes. It also provides the Department of State with a role in notifying violators and educating the public. Rep. James Koetje, R-Walker, is the primary bill sponsor.

"Junk cars are not only an eyesore, they are a public safety hazard," Land said. "Injuries, property damage and fatalities have resulted when drivers did not see an abandoned vehicle. Derelict cars also pose a risk to the environment, lower property values and have a negative impact on our quality of life. Representative Koetje has done a tremendous public service by championing his issue, and I would like to commend him for his leadership. Junk cars are a blight that should not be a part of the landscape of our beautiful state."

Koetje said this legislation will help communities save resources.

"My legislation accomplishes two objectives," Koetje said. "It gives private property owners a more efficient and effective remedy to deal with the blight of abandoned

vehicles on their property. It also allows the police, who were previously the go-to people for abandoned vehicles, the ability to concentrate their money and manpower on public protection and tracking down criminals. I am excited to have had a part in this legislation."

Under the bill, municipalities have the option of using a designated agent or company, rather than law enforcement, to oversee the towing of an abandoned vehicle from public property. In addition, abandoned vehicles are no longer required to be tagged, providing a savings to local communities struggling with limited staffing and resources.

The bill also allows private property owners to directly contact a towing company instead of the police, to remove the vehicle. The towing company will notify the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction before removing the vehicle from the property.

Law enforcement retains the key role in running the stolen vehicle check and providing the information to the Law Enforcement Information Network. However, the bill requires law enforcement to inform the Department of State within 24 hours of an abandoned vehicle being taken into custody.

The legislation also grants the department a more active administrative role by designating it as the agency responsible for contacting abandoned vehicle owners. Written notice must be sent to the owner within seven days of the vehicle's confiscation by police. Furthermore, the department is required to maintain an online,

abandoned-vehicle data base to assist owners in determining the fate of missing vehicles.

Owners of abandoned vehicles have 20 days after receiving written notice to either pay the fees and pick up the vehicle or request a court hearing to dispute ownership.

In addition to all other fees, violators will pay \$40 to the Abandoned Vehicle Fund to help support the administrative costs of implementing this legislation.

Abandoned vehicles that remain unclaimed may be redeemed by an existing lien holder or sold at public auction.

House Bill 5364, which was also approved late Thursday, directs the Department of State to notify the public about abandoned vehicle legislation. Information will be sent with vehicle renewal notices and title certificates, and provided on the department's Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

Senate Bill 1171, a related measure approved recently, would allow law enforcement to ticket owners of abandoned vehicles for littering. Fines would range from \$500 to \$2,500, depending on the severity of the abandonment. Junk cars have been found loaded with tires, batteries, roofing shingles and other hazardous materials in attempts to circumvent landfill requirements and environmental protection laws.

"The Legislature Department of State and law enforcement have taken a decided stand against those who litter our roads and communities with junk cars," Land concluded. "I encourage the governor to sign this bill without delay."

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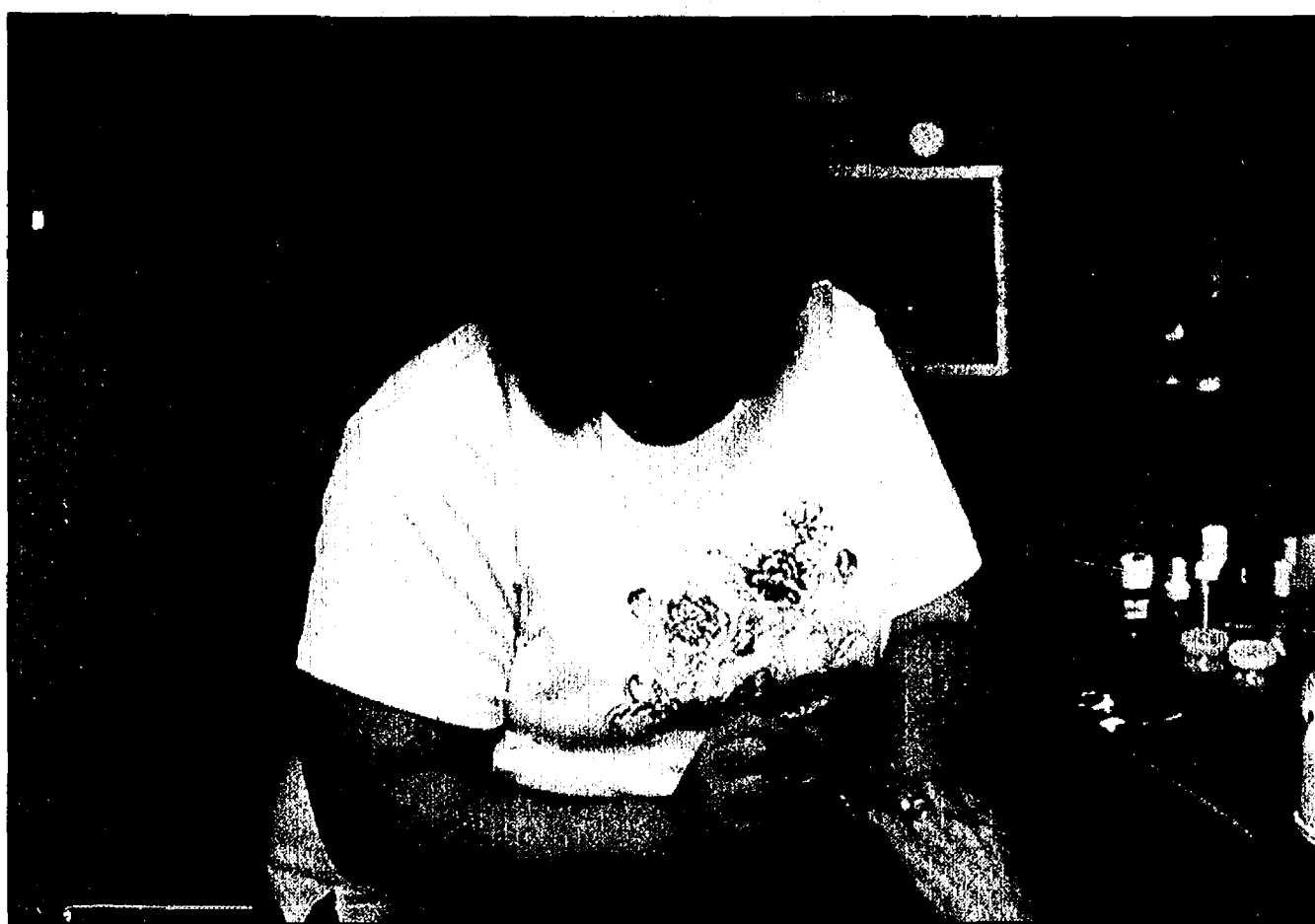
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Annette Brody, owner of Classic Nails Creations, has opened her business inside the Hair Station premises located at 204 E. Michigan Avenue.

Brody, a Grayling High School graduate, approached the owner of the Hair Station, Cookie Ostrowski, and asked if she needed a manicurist. At the conclusion of the interview, Brody was invited to set up her business.

Brody, a recent graduate of the Houghton Lake Institute of Cosmetology, offers regular manicures and pedicures as well as fiberglass, gel and acrylic treatments. She also offers designs for nails, all done free hand.

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Annette Brody, owner of Classic Nail Creations, finishes a manicure for one of her customers.

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## GE students help others stay warm this winter



Photo courtesy of Dawn Feldhauser

Students and staff at Grayling Elementary are making donations of new and used hats, gloves, and coats in the "We Care So ... We Share" program. This year, Riverland has volunteered to dry clean the used coats. Community members who wish to participate can drop off items at either location until December 20. Left to right, Jamie Johnson, Olivia Dikin and Brittney Turner are packing up donated items to take to Riverland.

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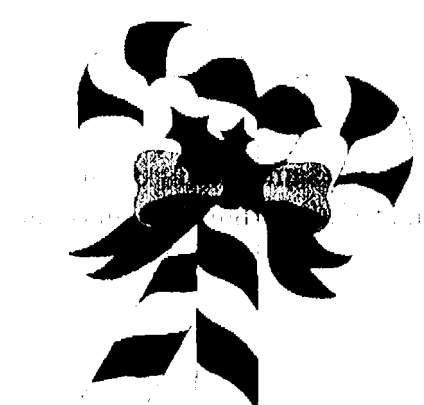
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## Kinks still being worked out in state child support system

by Amy Davis  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- The federal government ordered it and Michigan complied, but now a year after the State took over the collection and distribution of child support payments, the Friend of the Court (FOC) in Lapeer County is still trying to adjust.

In October 2003, in an effort to better distribute funds to the nearly 900,000 families in the FOC system, the state took over county child support operations and created statewide databases.

The State Disbursement Unit, (SDU) was created to provide a single physical location in Lansing where all child support payments are received and disbursed.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox also established Paykids, a public awareness program to help parents recover overdue child support owed to their children. It placed 39 billboards across the state to raise awareness of the issue.

"We wanted to address it in a public way," Cox said. "(Unpaid child support) is a cause of huge social and economic distortion in the state."

But the transition from the old countywide child support system to the new statewide system wasn't easy.

Maureen Sorbet of the Family Independence Agency, the child support program statewide, said the implementation was quick, but there was no other option. Under a federal mandate, the state stood to lose about \$147 million if it didn't make the switch.

"Each of the counties we were working with were comfortable with their systems," Sorbet said. "And of course there was some resistance to going in and changing up their systems."

In Lapeer County, the FOC has been inundated with phone calls, flooded with walk-ins and has had to refer some clients to other cities to collect their child support payments, said county FOC Director Emil Joseph.

Joseph said the new system was designed too quickly in order to meet the minimum federal requirements, leaving the county to struggle with the system's flaws.

"It's very difficult and there is very very limited input and control," Joseph said. "It's not nearly as sophisticated as it

could be."

There have been further complications, Joseph said, because the county doesn't have some of the same authority it once had with disbursing child support payments.

"My biggest concern is related to the level of service that clientele get," Joseph said. "Sometimes we have to send them to get assistance in Lansing because there is nothing we can do for them at the local level."

Sorbet said the new system does have its flaws.

"It doesn't have all of the same capabilities of the old system, but you have to give up some things to create a consolidated system," she said.

But despite some obstacles, Sorbet said in the fiscal year 2004, the state child support program had its most successful year and distributed more than \$1.6 billion in child support payments.

Since establishing the child support division, Cox's office has collected more than \$9.2 million and charged 1,200 people with felony of non-support of about 1,400 children.

"We're the hammer and we're very public about it," Cox

said.

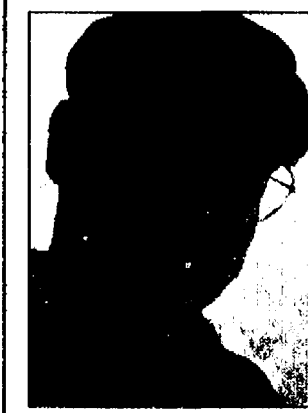
Cox said he will continue to focus on educating the public about the problem of past-due child support.

"Even if you don't know kids who are being impacted," Cox said, "it's in everyone's interest to solve this problem."

Joseph said he estimates that most of the problems will be corrected in the next three to five years.

## Sleep: It's what you need

by Ernie Harwell



It may sound odd, but sleep is an important part of living an active, healthy life. However, studies are showing that parents and children are not getting enough sleep. And when we get into this time of the year, it's even easier to miss out on our sleep, what with all the parties and visiting and such.

Now some people may think that sleeping is a waste of time, but really it's as important to our well-being as a good diet and exercise. Lack of sleep can affect our moods, our minds and our bodies. Without it we can be cranky, not think clearly or perform as well.

So here are a few tips that I follow:

- \* Set a regular bed time each night
- \* Get into a routine to help you wind down
- \* Don't eat before going to sleep
- \* Give thanks for the good things that happened; forget about the others

Turn off that TV or that computer, and just go to sleep. You'll feel rested, recharged and more alert for the following day.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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## MILITARY NEWS

Jeffrey A. Katalenich, of Roscommon, was among 31 Michigan students nominated by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow for placement at military academies.

"I am so proud that so many exceptional students from Michigan are willing to serve our country through military services," Stabenow said. "They have already demonstrated excellence, and I am confident that they will represent our state well."

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of the U.S. senator, their U.S. representative or the President.

Students nominated by Stabenow's office went through a rigorous application process that included interviews by community leaders. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for

admission by the academy to which they have applied.

Katalenich has applied to the United Air Force Academy.

## GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

A BROKEN ANKLE

Doctors believe that a physically active, aging population has contributed to an increase over the past 30 years in the number and severity of broken ankles. Ankles can break in falls, during sports, or in accidents, with one or more ankle bones involved. Three bones make up the top ankle joint—the tibia (shinbone), fibula (other lower leg bone), and the talus (ankle bone). Below this joint is a joint composed of the talus and the calcaneus (heel bone). Sprains and breaks can often be hard to distinguish. Signs of a break include immediate, severe pain; swelling; bruising; and tenderness when touched. Other indications include an inability to put weight on the foot and a visible deformity. Podiatrists are trained to care for

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# Chamber spotlights Weyerhaeuser

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors went on another surprise excursion to give their Spotlight-A-Member Award for the month of December to Dave Malm and all his crew at Weyerhaeuser. The Ambassadors had some insider help to get them past the guards so the surprise could be kept confidential and it went off without a hitch. Dave Malm, Chad Kelly and

Bonnie Doremire were all present to receive the award, which is a matted certificate ready for framing.

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improvement in their processes. With 165 employees, they are the fourth largest employer in Crawford County that has a population of 13,387. However, their workforce pulls from twelve different northern Michigan counties.

In 2002, they celebrated their 20th anniversary and are proud of their ability to stay competitive in this ever-changing market.



Weyerhaeuser receives the December Spotlight A Member award from the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. Pictured (left to right): Tim Zigila, Chamber Director; Ambassadors, Mark Rias and Kim Millikin; Weyerhaeuser employees, Chad Kelly, Bonnie Doremire and Dave Malm.

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## Local business owners invent conveyor system for automatic tunnel carwash

New Wave Products MFG, LLC, a Grayling products manufacturing company has created a completely new product, trademarked the Dually Dolly, that will reinvent the automatic carwash industry and at the same time provide services to a completely untapped client base for the automatic tunnel carwash. The new market segment is directed towards the dual wheeled pickup truck family or "one-ton dually" as the automotive industry calls them.

The small manufacturing company stumbled across the idea for the product after realizing a real need to service the trucks at one of its own subsidiary companies, which just happens to be an automatic tunnel carwash, also located in the small town of Grayling.

The Route 72 autowash realized the need for a service almost immediately after opening in March 2004. The design and development work took place during most of the summer months and by fall the Route 72 carwash was conducting dual wheel carwash tests.

To date the Route 72 autowash, using Sony's Carwash Equipment has become the first and only automatic tunnel carwash in the world, to be able to offer dual wheeled pickup truck car-washing as a service automatically.

The Dually Dolly system is an automotive service evolution for existing automatic tunnel carwashes, an innovation that allows the tunnel carwash owners the ability to provide carwash services to the dual wheel pickups. The truck owners consider themselves, "the forgotten service," said, Daniel Smock, owner and member president for both companies.

The carwash industry standards do not allow for the vehicles because of the vehicles two back wheels. The new Dually Dolly is an industry breakthrough which will nurture the evolution for improved opportunities within the professional carwash world. The carwash equipment manufacturers to date have avoided the challenge of servicing the one ton vehicles automatically, do to the uncon-

ventional vehicle width, making it virtually impossible to fit within the standard automatic tunnel carwash conveyor system.

The Dually Dolly technology creates the missing variable (link) between the many different carwash manufacturers conveyor systems, and adapts to each of the tunnel carwash conveyors - thus allowing each of the tunnel carwashes throughout the US the ability to wash an extra wide vehicle such as a dually truck.

Smock stated that making this new technology available to other carwashes around the country will also help drive automotive truck sales. Many truck buyers shy away from purchasing the dual wheel vehicles for the very reason of them not being able to have them washed automatically.

Local dually truck owner and Grayling business owner, Dan Thayer of Thayer Machining, assisted in the testing and machining of the dolly, Thayer claims that his truck has never been so clean and is still amazed as to the speed of the automatic carwash never having used one.

The insight of the Dually Dolly is that it reinvents the automatic tunnel carwash, to include dually trucks, with minimal changes to the carwash and adds a new service to the professional automated tunnel carwash industry.

The new technology comes as a cost efficient solution towards offering carwash service to a much needed and completely untapped target audience. New Wave Products MFG, LLC of Grayling is a new manufacturing company setting new industry standards within the professional carwash industry.

## Potato sales up for holidays, but growers worry about diet fads

by Greg Migliore  
Capital News Service

LANSING - When the holidays roll around, people eat more. And one thing they generally eat more of is the potato.

Sales of fresh potatoes increase around the winter holidays as people make large, traditional meals, said Ben Kudwa, executive director of the Michigan Potato Industry Commission.

This helps Michigan's economy, as the state ranks ninth in potato sales. The state's potatoes have about a \$100 million value at farms and about a \$600 million annual impact when factors like shipping and packaging are considered.

"This time of year, fresh potatoes are what people are looking for," Kudwa said.

According to the Agriculture Department, potatoes are the state's largest produce commodity in sales and volume. If all truckloads of Michigan potatoes were lined up end-to-end, the potato parade would stretch from Toledo to well into the central part of the Upper Peninsula, Kudwa said.

"It's a major volume product," he said. "I guess that's what potatoes are known for."

Potatoes and agriculture in general can provide a stable foundation for local economies, said Chris Long, a potato specialist at Michigan State University.

In the midst of job losses in other sectors, areas like

Greenville can still rely on potato production. Montcalm County is the top-growing area in the state. Nearly all of its production is used by snack manufacturers.

"Agriculture continues to provide an underpinning for that community," Long said. "Potato production continues to maintain itself. It's a viable area for potato production, and I see it continue to be so."

Gaylord, Kalkaska and Rogers City are also important growing areas for fresh potatoes.

Potatoes, however, have taken a hit from the popularity of low-carbohydrate diets. According to the Agriculture Department, a medium potato is fat-free and about 76 calories.

"We struggle with a lot of the fad diets," Kudwa said. "We believe that complex carbohydrates are good for you. They've been around for 4,000 years."

Turning away from potatoes is troubling, said Jeff Axford, executive director of the Michigan Seed Potato Association, which inspects seed quality for the state.

"That's kind of disturbing to see from my perspective," he said. "People are eventually going to come back. I think around the holidays people eat more potatoes. They go back to a more traditional meal. From my perspective, it's not quite a full meal if you don't have some potatoes on it."

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## OBITUARIES

### Elida Grace Bearss Feb. 1, 1915 - Dec. 8, 2004

Elida Grace Bearss, 89, of Grayling, passed away on December 8, 2004 at Hoyt Nursing Home, Saginaw.

Elida was born on February 1, 1915 in Maple Forest Township to William C. and Pearl (Buck) Johnson. The former Elida G. Johnson married David W. Bearss on December 24, 1935 in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Bearss lived in Grayling and Frederic all her life. She worked at AuSable Souvenir Works in Frederic. She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening flowers, vegetables and refinishing furniture.

She is survived by four sons: Richard (Donna) Bearss of Phoenix, Arizona, John (Carole) Bearss of Alexandria, Virginia, Chuck (Becky) Bearss of Palm Coast Florida and Dave (Diane) Bearss of Saginaw; five grandchildren: Rick Bearss, Heidi Lowell, Jeremy (Jenny) Bearss, Amanda (Curt) Smith and Alyssa Bearss; four great-grandchildren: Jonathan Bearss, Mikayla and Drew Lowell, and Loreli Bearss; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 14, 1999.

Funeral services were held on December 10, 2004 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Richard P. DuBois

Dec. 29, 1917 - Dec. 13, 2004

Richard P. DuBois, 86, of Grayling, passed away on December 13, 2004. A memorial service will be held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling, at noon, Thursday, December 16, 2004, lunch to follow.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### In memory of

Charles Williams

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous sole of nature, the comfort arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the fate of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of the family need.

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Charles (Gus) Williams

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Friday, December 17 - Lunch - bratwurst, harvard beets, Perfection Salad, mixed fruit, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, December 19 - Pancake Brunch with Santa Claus, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, dessert bar, juice, coffee and milk. \$2.25 seniors and under 12, \$3.50 non-seniors.

Monday, December 20 -

Lunch - cheddar chicken and broccoli, green bean almandine, tossed salad, peaches. Dinner - baked ham, marshmallow sweet potatoes, pears, strawberry shortcake. 9:30 a.m. COA Board Meeting, 12 p.m. Stag Club, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, December 21 - Lunch - BBQ beef sandwich, carrots and onions, mixed fruit, brownie. Dinner - pot roast, boiled potatoes, carrots and onions, applesauce. 1 p.m. Euchre Club.

Wednesday, December 22 - Lunch - sub sandwich, coleslaw, vegetable salad, Waldorf salad. Dinner - Chicken Tetrastini, broccoli, apple celery raisin salad, peach crisp. 10 a.m. Line Dancing, 12

p.m. Stag Club, 5:30 p.m. Movie, "Home Alone 3."

Thursday, December 23 - Lunch - baked chicken, cauliflower w/ cheese sauce, scalloped potatoes, applesauce. Dinner - tacos, Mexican corn, refried beans w/cheese, mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. Aerobics and Craft Class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period December 16 - 22, 2004.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: December 16 and 20 - 22.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to

mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 78 complaints the week of December 6 - December 13:

Twenty-one traffic accidents, one accident-fire, one motor vehicle vin school bus, one civil matter/family dispute, two suspicious situations, one natural death, thirteen general non-criminal, one structure fire, one delinquent minors, one criminal sexual conduct-sexual assault, three assault-intimidation-stalking, one aggravated assault, two larcenies, one vehicle theft, two fraudulent activities, two fraud-no-account check, two damage to property, one obstruct justice-conditional release violation, nine public peace/disorderly, one motor vehicle accident-failed, one miscellaneous criminal offense and three driving violations/DWLS (driving

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# Bush receives award for his services to the disabled

This year's recipient of the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award is Greg Bush. The award is presented in December by the COOR Board of Education and ROOC, Inc., to an individual or group in recognition of their contributions to assist people with disabilities to overcome barriers and to participate fully in their communities.

Bush was employed by Great Lakes Community Mental Health for 16 years before being

selected as the Executive Director of ROOC. Even before becoming a ROOC employee, he received several nominations for this award because of his support in assisting people with disabilities to lead integrated and independent lives.

In his seven years at ROOC, he led the organization in providing outstanding services for people with disabilities. As service expectations at the state and local levels changed to become more

community focused, Bush assured that ROOC's services kept pace and that volunteer opportunities, supported employment and other community options were available to the participants in the program.

In addition, Bush spent many hours providing transportation to outside events, assisting individuals with outside activities, and completing other duties that were truly beyond the scope of his employment. Bush's efforts,

both on and off the job, have made a substantial difference in the quality of life for people with disabilities in our service area.

Mr. Sperry gave many years of dedicated service to assist people with disabilities and their families. Mr. Sperry was one of the four community members who started ROOC, Inc., a non-profit community rehabilitation program providing employment and training services to adults with disabilities.



Greg Bush, center, received the 2004 Ralph Sperry Award at the December COOR Board meeting. With him are Clarice Sperry, widow of Ralph, and COOR Board Chair Robert Carpenter who is reading the citation.

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HB 4325, sponsored by Representative Leon C. Drolet (R-Clinton Township), would remove the mandatory helmet requirement for all riders and passengers 21 years of age or older, but does not require motorcycle riders to carry

Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance coverage.

"It is well established that motorcycle helmets decrease the severity of injury, the likelihood of death and the overall cost of medical care," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "Motorcycle riders are much more at risk than persons driving or riding in a passenger vehicle."

Miller cited National Highway Traffic Safety (NHTSA) data, which shows that, in states where the

mandatory helmet laws were recently repealed or weakened, motorcycle fatalities increased substantially: Arkansas increased 21 percent, Kentucky 34 percent, Louisiana 48 percent and Texas 31 percent.

Nationwide, motorcycle fatality rates have been rising. The total number of fatalities is up 73 percent between 1997 (2,116 deaths) and 2003 (3,661 deaths). In addition, the fatality rate per 100,000 registered motorcycles is up - from 55.3 in 1997 to 65.3 in 2002.

In 2003, there were 3,187

motorcycle-involved crashes in Michigan in which 76 riders were killed and 2,644 injured. Helmets are 67 percent effective in preventing brain injury.

The average paid catastrophic motorcycle claim in this state is \$402,386, up from \$377,830 in 2001.

HB 4325 will move to the Michigan Senate for a vote, although it has not yet been assigned to any committee.

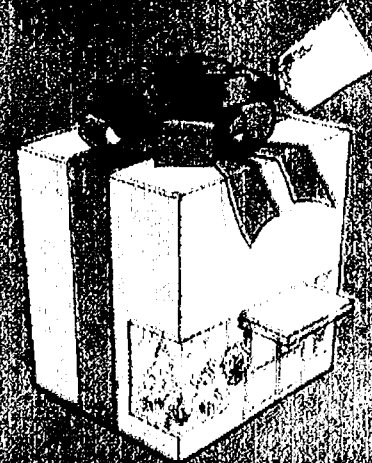
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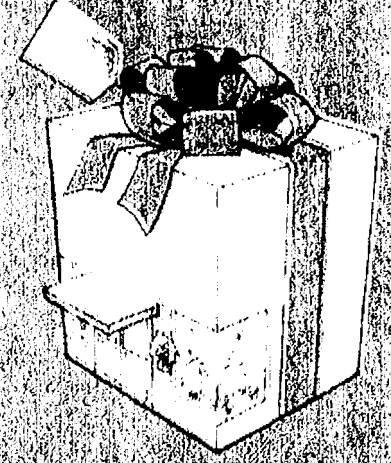
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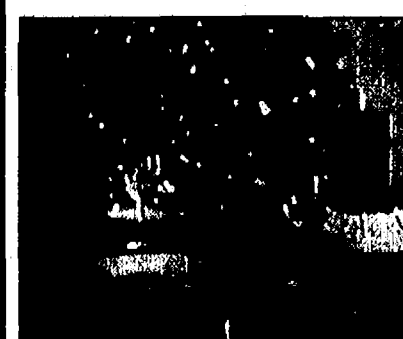
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# Grayling Marine on the mend from shrapnel wounds

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take back Fallujah from terrorist insurgents.

"I wanted to be there with them, but I was crippled up in the hospital, watching them on TV," he said.

Gomez, 19, said he appreciates being home with his family for Christmas, but following the Marine motto: Semper Paratus—which means forever faithful—his thoughts are with his fellow Marines.

"It feels kind of unfair that I'm home and they're still over in Iraq," Gomez said.

Gomez is scheduled to return to San Diego on January 2 where he will likely undergo a series of surgeries to repair his ankle. A metal plate may be put into his

leg to mend his ankle, which would ultimately put an end to his tenure with the Marines.

"When they put a plate in your leg, you're pretty much done," he said.

Gomez knew he wanted to join the Marine Corps when he was in sixth-grade. He said the September 11th attacks only hardened his resolve to pursue his goal.

Gomez now plans to attend college with the goal of becoming a high school history teacher. His said his experiences in Iraq would allow him to give a unique perspective to students.

"I think I will be able to give an account of both sides of the fight," he said. "A lot of the people over there are so poor, they'd do anything for money."

Gomez said he would like to

see the United States pull out of Iraq as soon as possible, but acknowledges it is going to take a long time to motivate the Iraqi citizens to stand up for themselves.

"We can't leave because everything will go to hell," he said. "It's going to take awhile to get everybody on the same page of music because they don't know anything different."

Grayling High School social studies teacher Darrin Hawes said he was pleased to see Gomez back in the community after seeing the Fallujah area where his former student was based in the headlines.

"Every time I heard about something happening to a Marine, I was always worried about Jason," Hawes said. "When he came to school one

day I had a little compassion for his injury but there was also a weight lifted because I knew he was back."

Gomez was able to give the students in Hawes classes a perspective on world events.

"His stories that he shared with the students brought the realities of war to our kids here," Hawes said. "Our kids have a better connection to the war and they are fortunate to hear what he had to say."

Mike Ryan, whose son Terrence Ryan is in the 3rd Marine Air Wing Division, calls Gomez his "fifth son" and is pleased to see that he is home safely.

"He's a proud Marine just like my son and they've both been through hell and back," Ryan said.

## City cracking down on income tax evaders

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July 1, 1972 under the authority of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964, which allowed cities to impose and levy an income tax.

Up until last year, funds collected from the income tax had been strictly earmarked to pay for streets projects, construction of curbs and sidewalks as well as sanitary sewers and storm sewers.

In 2002, city voters approved an amendment to the ordinance which permitted city officials to use the money to pay for other projects such as recreational or beautification projects. In return for altering the ordinance, the city raised the personal exemption for the income tax from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Raising the

exemption means the city collected about \$60,000 less in taxes from the \$400,000 it typically collects from income taxes.

Since June, Jones has brought an additional \$15,000 into city coffers from residents who had not been paying the levy.

"We believe that we will see an increase in revenues by enforcing the income tax ordinance and hopefully we will make up some of the difference," McGregor said.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the city could not have paid for streets and sidewalks in the community if it had to rely on general fund dollars to pay for the projects.

"I don't know of any other

community in northern Michigan that has sidewalks on every street or that has streets in as good of condition as ours are," Lowe said.

Lowe said continued collection of the income tax remains critical as the state cuts revenue sharing for municipalities and the city begins to replace aging water and sewer mains.

"We wouldn't have the money for the upgrades that we need if we didn't have the income tax," Lowe said. "When I talk with other city managers, they struggle to maintain the services they provide because local government does not receive the funding that we used to have in the past."

## Embezzlement case for hotel bookkeeper begins

**Continued from Page 1A**

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss poured over several sales envelopes and deposit slips during the hearing last week.

Terrence Bloomquist, the Grayling attorney representing Shambarger, objected to the admission of the envelopes, arguing the document may have been tampered with.

Crawford County District Court Judge John G. Hunter

overruled the objections and allowed the envelopes to be admitted as evidence in the case.

After about five hours of testimony from Smith, Hunter put a halt to the preliminary exam and ordered Huss and Bloomquist to exchange copies of the hotel's business records.

Hunter also demanded that the attorneys compile monthly reports from the business figures rather than go day-by-day

through the records.

The preliminary exam will continue in February, giving attorneys both time to get through the holiday season and examine the business records.

Grayling accountant Mickey Perez is assisting Bloomquist as an expert witness in the case.

Shambarger faces up to 10 years in prison and \$15,000 fine, or up to three times the amount of money he is accused of embezzling.

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Parents should accompany their children to the library and

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## Vikings open 2004-2005 season with two victories on the road

### Boys basketball team wins at Gaylord and Roscommon

■ Varsity squad outscores Bucks 40-31 in second half to win opener

With a strong second half, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team opened its 2004-05 season with a 73-60 victory at Roscommon last Tuesday.

The Vikings led the Bucks 18-17 after one quarter and had a four-point edge at halftime, 33-29.

Grayling built on its lead with a 23-16 third quarter and outscored Roscommon 17-15 down the stretch to seal the win.

"I thought our kids played very hard throughout the contest. Our defensive intensity got better as the game went on and that is a credit to our kids' stamina and hunger to win when it got to crunch time," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We also faced a lot of adversity on the court with various situations. Our team overcame the adversity and played well down the stretch."

"This group has been working hard in practice and we have improved a ton since the beginning of the year," Coach Moffit added.

The leading scorers for Grayling were Gibson Tobin (36 points) and Eli VanNuck (16 points). Bobby Starks, Josh Hinkle, Reagan Schmidt, Jim Boylan, and Mike Boylan also

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See "VIKINGS OPEN..."



Jim Boylan shoots for the Vikings in last week's varsity boys basketball game at Roscommon.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Josh Millikin fights for position down low in Tuesday night's contest vs. Roscommon.

## Roscommon wins JV game vs. GHS



Photo by Caleb Casey

Nick Parkinson goes up for a shot inside for Grayling in last Tuesday's JV boys basketball game at Roscommon. The Bucks won the contest 70-24. For more, see Page 4B.

## GHS finishes in middle of pack at Mason County Invitational

■ Two Vikings — Troy Wilson and Kevin LaTrelle — win weight classes

On Saturday, Grayling High School's wrestling team placed fifth overall in a tournament at Scottville — the Mason County Scottville Optimist Harold Merrill Memorial Invitational. Other teams competing in the event included Allendale, Benzie Central, Coopersville, East Grand Rapids, Fremont, Manton, Mason County Central, and Shelby.

Individual results for the Vikings included:

Ben Brown (103, freshman) won his first match, but lost his second and third to finish in 4th place.

Jeff Harwood (119, sophomore) competed against 10 other wrestlers and "wrestled well," coaches said, but did not break the top four.

Eric Madill (125, freshman) won his first match 16-1 but lost his second contest 9-8, missing a chance to go to the finals. "Eric wrestled great all day but finished the day out of the top four," coaches said.

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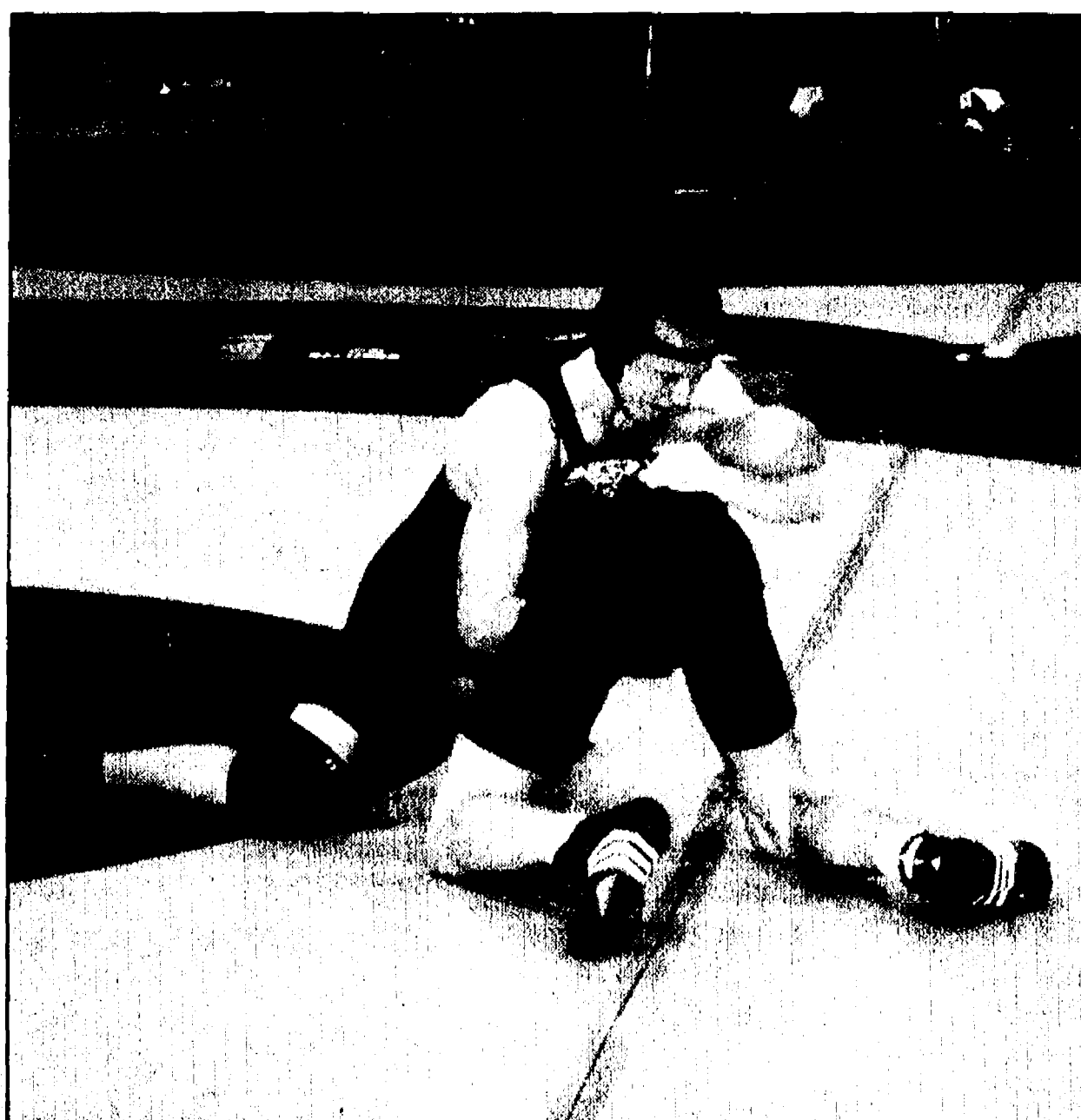


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Jeff Bancroft wrestles against a Benzie Central opponent in Saturday's Mason County Central Invitational at Scottville. Bancroft finished 2nd in his weight class at the event.



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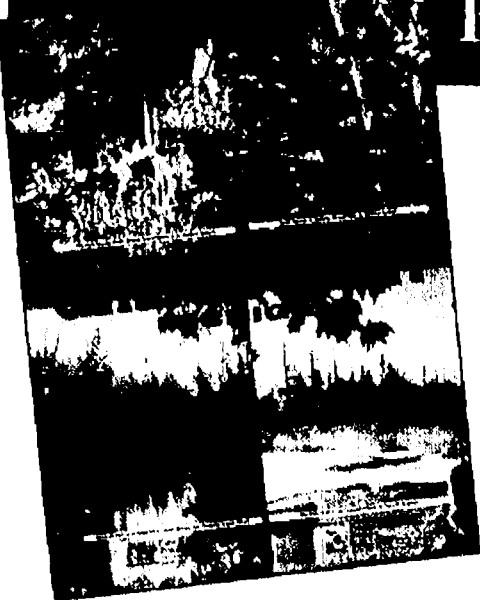
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Josh Hinkle takes a jump shot for Grayling at Roscommon.



Eli VanNuck draws a foul on his way to the basket on Tuesday night.

# Vikings open season with two victories on the road

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scored points for GHS in the contest.

Josh Millikin led Grayling in rebounding with 7. Starks had 5 assists and Tobin finished with 4. Tobin also had a team-high 6 steals.

On Friday, the Vikings won their second game of the season, defeating the Blue Devils of Gaylord 69-57 at Gaylord High School.

Grayling trailed 19-13 after one quarter but fought back to lead 36-27 at the half. The Vikings outscored the Blue Devils 16-11 in the third quarter to lead 52-38 going into the fourth period.

"This was a game of runs," Coach Moffit said. "Gaylord started out with a 20-12 run. We responded with a 38-10 run, Gaylord responded with a 25-9 run, and we ended the game with a 10-2 run."

"I was pleased with the way we played defensively in the

middle periods. I thought our defensive pressure was outstanding. Our kids played well at the end of the game when our backs were to the wall," Coach Moffit said. "We are seeing improve-

ment in a number of areas and we need to continue to improve."

Leading scorers for the Vikings at Gaylord were Tobin (28) and VanNuck (27). Ryan Feldhauser, Millikin, Zac Baker,

Starks, Zach Dean, J. Boylan, M. Boylan, and Matt Swope also scored points for Grayling.

The Vikings (2-0) will host Harbor Springs on Friday, December 17.



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Gibson Tobin drives to the basket for Grayling on Tuesday night.



Reagan Schmidt drives in for a fast break lay-up vs. Roscommon.

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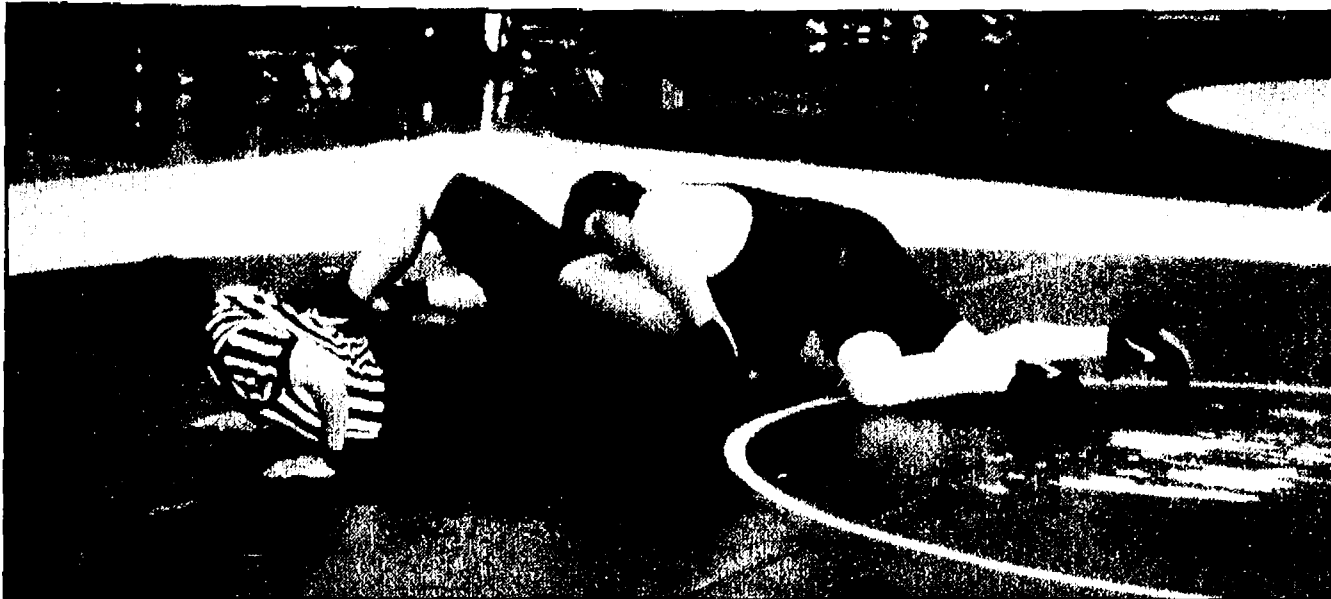
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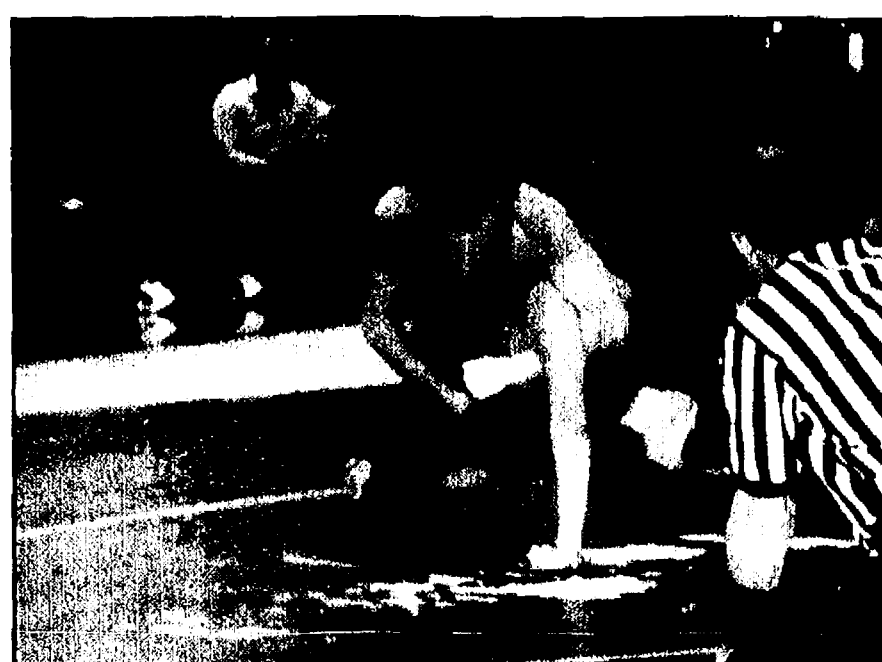




Corey Metzger wrestles a Freemont opponent in Saturday's tournament at Scottville.



Bill Stewart goes for a pin against a Kingsley wrestler at the Mason County Invitational on Saturday.



Eric Madill goes up against a Kingsley wrestler on Saturday.



Ben Brown wrestles a Manistee opponent at Saturday's invitational tournament.

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# GHS finishes in middle of pack at Mason County Invitational

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Cody Malone (130, freshman) won his first match, lost his second, then won his next two bouts. He lost his fifth contest and did not finish within the top four.

TJ Cordoza (135, junior) lost to his first opponent then won his second match with a quick pin. He did not win his third match and finished out of the top four.

Corey Metzger (140, sophomore) lost his first contest, won his second match with a quick pin, won his third match 7-6 in double overtime, and finished the day in fourth place with a loss in the consolation finals.

Jeff Bancroft (145, sophomore) pinned his first opponent in 37 seconds and won a 7-4 decision to advance to the championship match. He lost his final match and finished second overall in his weight class.

Cory Shear (152, sophomore) won his first contest by pin, then lost to the eventual champion. He did not finish within the top four.

Kevin LaTreille (160, senior) continued his undefeated season by pinning his first two opponents in the first round to advance to the championship match and scoring a technical fall in the first round of the championship match with a 16-0 score. Kevin's season record now stands at 12-0.

Troy Wilson (171, sophomore) pinned his first opponent in 40 seconds and pinned his second opponent in 58 seconds to advance to the championship round. He won a 9-8 decision in the championship match to win his weight class.

Jesse CdeBaca (189, senior) lost his first match to the eventual champion, won his second

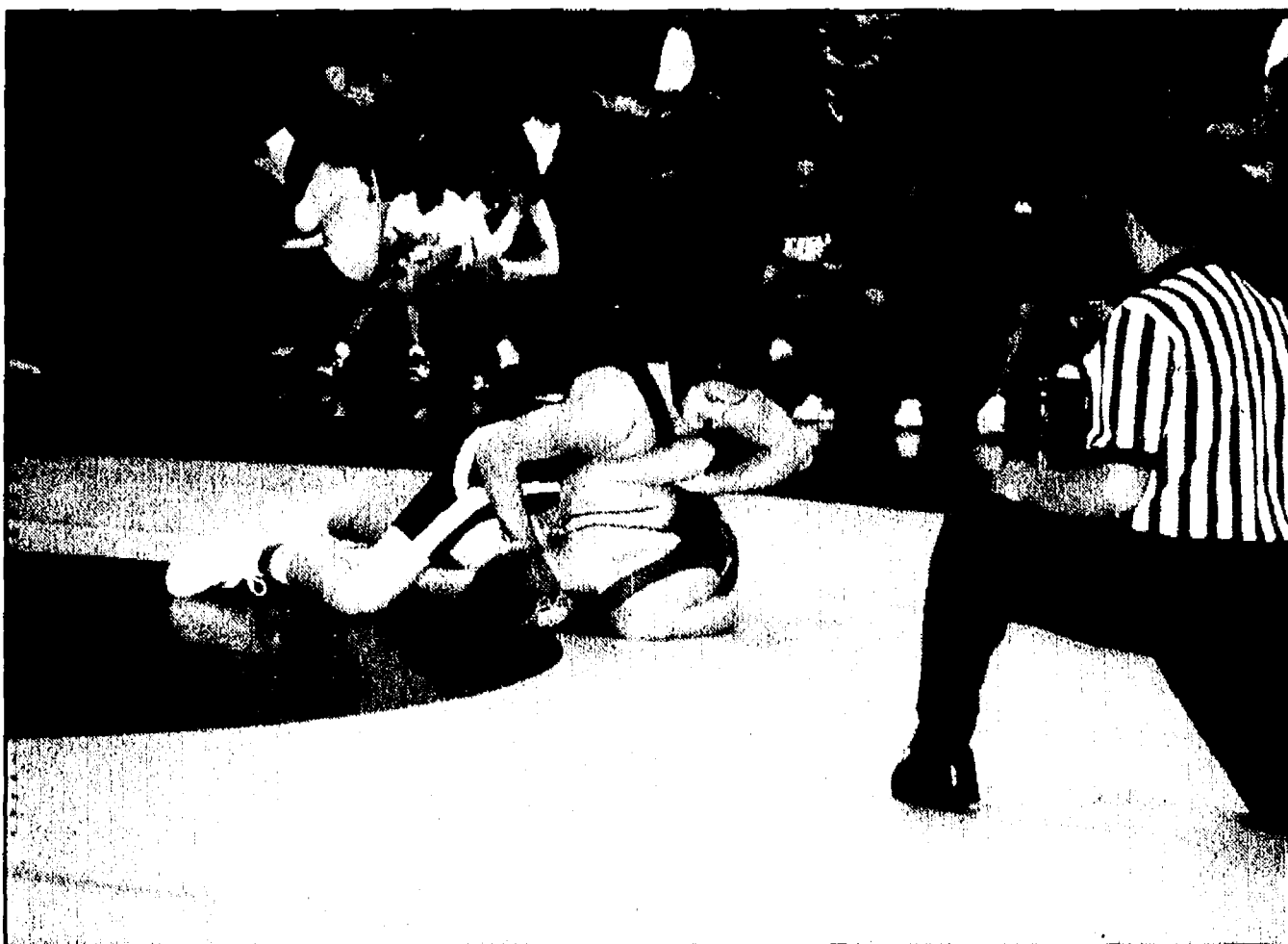
match, but came up short in his third to finish out of the top four.

Joe Ferrigan (215, junior) lost his first match 6-5 to the eventual runner-up and lost his second match to the eventual fourth place finisher.

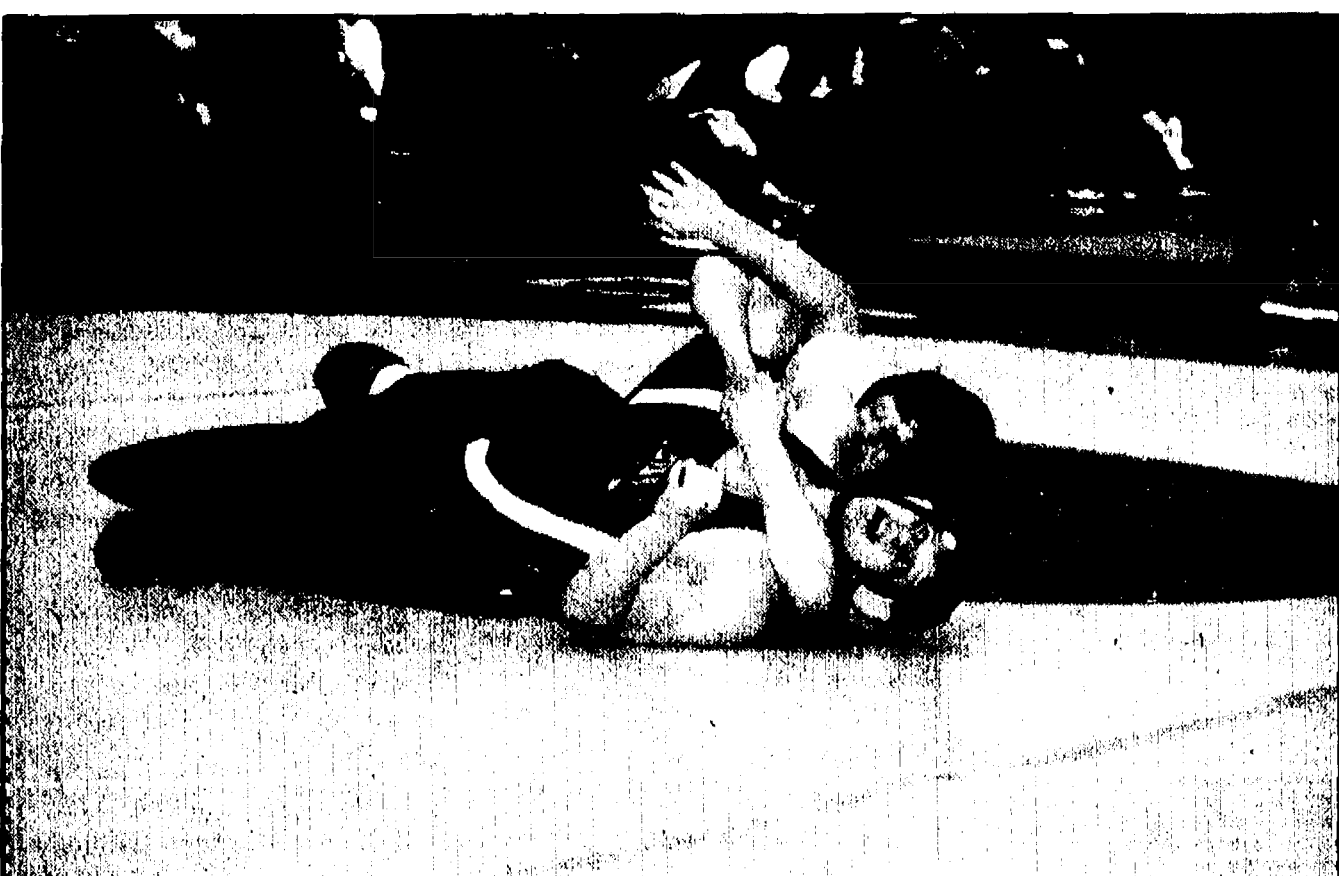
Bill Stewart (275, junior) won his first match of the day with a pin but lost his second match. He sustained an injury (knee) and did not continue in the tournament.

"As a team, Grayling finished in fifth place overall. With only two seniors in our line-up, we are a very young team this year. These boys have exceeded our expectations so far this year and with their continued hard work we will just continue to improve," coaches said.

The Vikings will wrestle against Houghton Lake and Tawas at Houghton Lake on Thursday, December 16.



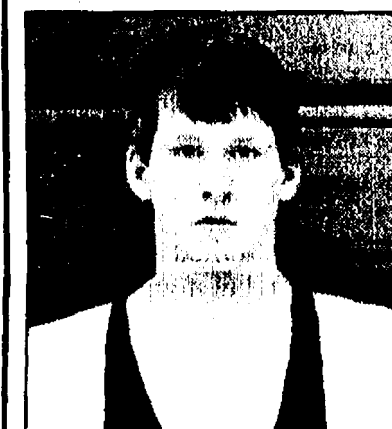
Kevin LaTreille wrestles a Mason County Central opponent. LaTreille placed first in his weight division (160) at Saturday's tournament.



Troy Wilson grapples with an Allendale wrestler at Scottville on Saturday. Wilson won his weight class (171) at the event.

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## Roscommon wins JV game vs. GHS



Jason Drudge drives to the basket for Grayling in last Tuesday's junior varsity boys basketball game at Roscommon High School. The Bucks defeated the Vikings by a final score of 70-24 in the contest.



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Jeremiah Bootz shoots the ball for the Vikings in Tuesday night's game at RHS.

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Mitch Hernandez looks to shoot the ball for GHS.



Rocky McNamara handles the ball for Grayling in last week's game against Roscommon.



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A.E.I. . . . . 24 - 18  
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Canfield's Snowplowing . 21 - 21  
Fenton's Auto . . . . . 18 - 24  
Gray-Rock Cafe . . . . . 13 - 29  
Moore's Automotive . . . 10 - 32  
High Series: J. Robideau, 629; L. Davis, 617; T. Kotrash, 604.  
High Game: L. Davis, 248; J. Robideau, 234; J. Thayer and T. Kotrash, 223.

## Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie . . . . . 37 - 19  
Grayling Pharmacy . . . 35 - 21  
Kicking Grass . . . . . 30 - 26  
Stitches By Sue . . . . . 28 - 28  
Sylvester's Sports . . . 27 - 29  
Bear's Den Pizza . . . . . 27 - 29  
Spike's Keg O' Nails . . 24 - 32  
Lone Pine Restaurant . . 16 - 40  
High Series Men: K. Harris, 548; P. Faustman, 532; L. Crampton and B. Hollis, 498.  
High Game Men: L. Crampton,

237; B. Hollis, 206; P. Faustman, 201.  
High Series Women: C. Clark, 437; D. Doremire, 406; R. Joyce, 395.  
High Game Women: H. Stairs, 161; C. Clark, 155; A. Payne, 145.

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Grayling Chiro.Clinic . . 38 - 14  
Chemical Bank . . . . . 31 - 21  
AJD Forest Product . . . 30 - 22  
Custom Interior . . . . . 29 - 23  
Grayling Restaurant . . . 25 - 27  
South Side River Rats . . 20 - 32  
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McDonald's . . . . . 16 - 36  
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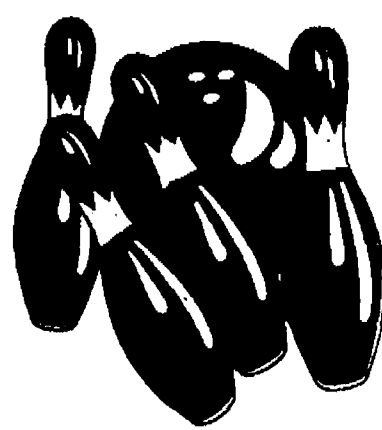
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High Game Men: D. Wallace, 218; D. Canfield, 213; M. Horton, 212.  
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Carey & Jaskowski . . . 40 - 16  
Choppers Spares . . . . . 35 - 21  
Great Lk Mortgage . . . 34 - 22  
Warbler Chicks . . . . . 31 - 25  
USA Trailer . . . . . 29 - 27  
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## LEGAL ACTION

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles D. Demoinis, a single man and Liberty J. Galvani, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2000, and recorded on August 8, 2000 in Liber 514 on Page 179, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight And 14/100 Dollars (\$13,698.14), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, Block 17, rof-fee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale. In accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC R 248.593.1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Michigan State Housing Development Authority  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #042480F01 -9-16-23-30

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, L.L.C., Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 20, 2003 in Liber 641 on Page 194, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Five And 06/100 Dollars (\$44,505.06), including interest at 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 38 Crawford County Records Township of Grayling County Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 2, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, L.L.C.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #010075F03 -2-9-16-23

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pamela J. Riefstahl and Rudolf M. Riefstahl III, wife and husband in Joint tenancy, original mortgagor(s), to North Michigan Financial, Mortgagee, dated November 1, 2001, and recorded on November 8, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 272, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee by an assignment dated June 11, 2002 recorded on July 30, 2002 in Liber 590 on Page 218, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 44/100 Dollars (\$70,510.44), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 17, Pinecrest Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248-593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Federal National Mortgage Association  
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File # 040714F01 -25-2-9-16

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas L. Ramsey and Robin L. Ramsey, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 30, 2001, and recorded on November 5, 2001 in Liber 558 on Page 499, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and 98/100 Dollars (\$66,929.98), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 25, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248-593-1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File # 038463F01 -25-2-9-16

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heather Gorski, a married woman and Helmut Fritz, a married man, to the Huntington National Bank successor by merger to Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2000, and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 0511 on Page 311, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Thousand Eighty Five 22/100 Dollars (\$30,085.22), including interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Wakeley Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 18, Crawford County Records. Tax Parcel ID#: 20-040-45-930-00-016-00.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 29, 2004  
**THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee**

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, Michigan 48075

-9-16-23-30-6

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas A. Sorenson, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 3, 2003, and recorded on February 21, 2003 in Liber 621 on Page 029, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 65/100 (\$92,520.65), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,

and are described as: Lot 3 Red Wing Terrace, as recorded in Liber 4, on Page 22, of Plats

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #043032F01 -16-23-30-6

### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

**FORECLOSURE NOTICE:** This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ricky Egan, unmarried man to Access Mortgage and Financial, a Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2003 and recorded February 27, 2003 in Liber 621, Page 490, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., by assignment dated February 27, 2003 and recorded June 30, 2003 in Liber 641, Page 413, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$129,638.61) including interest 8.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM, on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "A - 2": Being a part of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 32, T25N, R1W, de-scribed as follows: Beginning at the West 1/4 - corner of said section 32 for a point of begin-ning; thence N 00 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds W along section line, 472.50 feet; thence S 86 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds E, 1309.6 feet; thence S 00 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds E along 1/8 line 472.95 feet; thence N 86 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds W along the E & W 1/4 - line, 1309.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 11475 Flooker Rd, Roscommon MI 48653. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: DECEMBER 2, 2004 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C., 811 South Blvd, Suite 100, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-3123 Our File No: 04-30084 ASAF621707 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

## 98-year-old bags 7-point buck



Harold Longdyke, 98, shot this 7-point buck on opening day of firearm deer season. Longdyke was hunting with Harold Cox, his son-in-law, and Todd Alan, his grandson. Longdyke and his wife Louise have been summer residents of Lovells for more than 60 years.

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Men's Team

**ROSCOMMON** - Freshman forward Antonio Berry scored 22 points and Frank Washington added 21 with nine rebounds to power Kirtland to a 115-85 victory Monday night over Lambton (Ontario) College.

Bernard Daniels scored 13 points and dished out seven assists, and Adam Reese added 12 for the Firebirds, who won their fourth straight game to improve to 6-3. Five of their wins have come against Canadian clubs.

All 12 players in a Kirtland uniform scored.

**ROSCOMMON** - Frank Washington scored 22 points to lead the Kirtland Community College men's basketball team to an 85-83 victory over Olive Harvey CC in Illinois Friday night, December 10.

Kirtland's Antonio Berry con-

tributed another 21 points to the tight win, which brought the Firebirds' record to 7-3. Bernard Daniels was also in double digits, scoring 10 points and adding 5 assists for Kirtland.

Vic Hamilton led the Firebirds in assists with 7.

Adam Reese was tops under the board for KCC with 9 rebounds, while David Allison added 7.

For Olive Harvey, which fell to 2-3 overall, Eric Smith led his team in scoring with 26 points.

**ROSCOMMON** - Bernard Daniels scored 17 points to lead the Kirtland Community College men's basketball team to another close win in the Kankakee Tournament in Illinois this weekend.

The Firebirds came back from a 38:32 deficit at the half to defeat the home team of Kankakee, 80-79, in the tournament's semi-final

round Saturday night, December 11.

Kirtland's Frank Washington and Victor Hamilton contributed 16 points apiece to the win, which brought the Firebirds' record to 8-3.

Chris Spicer was the leading scorer for Kankakee with 21 points. Kankakee also moved to 8-3.

### Women's Team

**ROSCOMMON** - Down at the half, the Lady Firebirds of Kirtland Community College came back to defeat the junior varsity team of Albion College, 75-61, while on the road Thursday, December 9.

This was the second straight win for the Kirtland women's basketball team and brings their record to 3-5.

To come back from their first-half deficit, the Firebirds added

some intensity to their defense.

"They did everything they were taught to do and played well after the half," said assistant coach Lisa Gillett about the young Kirtland team.

Sophomore forward Kenzie Steward topped the scoring column for Kirtland with 21 points. Freshman Casey Burrows added 15 points and 6 assists, and her classmate, Nynne Larsen, contributed 13 points.

Emilee Bruner, a freshman from Mio, led the Firebirds with 7 rebounds.

Fans can catch the Lady Firebirds in action Saturday, December 18, when they host Grand Rapids Community College at the CRAF Center in Roscommon. Game time is 3 p.m., following the Kirtland's men's team game which begins at 1 p.m.



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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5 and 6 Block 5, Hadleys Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling Crawford County Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01, of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC W 248.593.1312

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #042128F01

-16-23-30-6

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Kurt Alan Reitter, deceased

Date of birth: 3/30/1982

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Kurt Alan Reitter, who lived at 1645 Lotus Trail, Grayling, Michigan died 6/18/2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl L. Coppens, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 6, 2004  
Robert W. Bennett P-44262  
3179 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
P.O. Box 407  
Prudenville, MI 48651

Cheryl L. Coppens  
3963 E. Tittabawassee  
Hemlock, MI 48626

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steve N Dmytrusz, II and Susan M. Dmytrusz, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 13, 1999, and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Liber 486 on Page 82, and modified by Affidavit executed on November 16, 2004 and recorded on November 22, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 631, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen And 66/100 Dollars (\$158,614.66) including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 1: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 2: The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Description No. 3: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The property is now known as: The East 3/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, containing 15 acres combined.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #040906F01

-16-23-30-6

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denise Marie Elekonich, a married woman and Jerry L. Elekonich, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 21, 1999, and recorded on June 17, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 168, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc as assignee by an assignment dated May 21, 1999 recorded on September 15, 1999 in Liber 490 on Page 532, and rerecorded on October 26, 1999, in Liber 494 on Page 3, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 34/100 Dollars (\$86,759.34), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 7 Shangri-La Subdivision, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, According to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC X 248-593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File # 042619F01

-16-23-30-6

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 8th day of November 2004  
Grayling, Michigan

The Grayling Housing Commission is requesting bids for the following insurance to be effective from January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006.

1. Fire and extended coverage in the amount of \$6,072,695.00.
2. Scheduled liability policy with a \$500,000.00 single bodily injury and property damage limit.
3. Public Official Liability Umbrella Coverage of \$1,000,000.00.
4. Full coverage for 1997 Dodge Pickup

Please contact the Grayling Housing Commission, Guy Quigley, (989) 348-3097 for any further information. Bids must be received by December 27, 2004.

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO GRAYLING TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS WHO USE MARGRETHE BOULEVARD FOR ACCESS TO THEIR PROPERTIES

The re-paving project on Margrethe Boulevard, proposed by Grayling Township in October, has not received the necessary support to pursue a special assessment. Only 36-percent of the 226 property owners identified and surveyed in the project area responded favorably. More than 50-percent favorable responses is needed to pursue the project under Public Act 188 of 1954 (as amended).

Notice is hereby given that this project has been dropped as a township proposal. For further information, property owners may contact: Terry Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor; at (989) 348-4361, or inquire at the Grayling Township Hall.

Terry Wright  
Supervisor

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Ferrigan at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Joe Ferrigan, Roger Moshier, Larry Akers, Dennis Palmer

Members Absent: Kim McClain  
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Kay Cosgray, Tim Zigila, Dan Sanderson, Doug Meroney, Terry Wright (7:32 PM) III. Approval of Consent Agenda City Council Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2004 Seasonal use Permit - GUDA

04-259

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

IV. Public Hearings

None.

V. Old Business

Young Street Easement

04-260

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers to approve the Young Street Agreement presented to the City Attorney: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Benefit Fee

After some discussion, the Council asked to have some different figures brought back to the next regular City Council Meeting.

League Training

The City Manager gave the City Council an update of the information from MML Industrial Park Expansion

04-261

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers to move forward with Gosling Czubak's proposal for \$1,250.00 to be paid from the Income Tax Fund for preparation of an opinion of probable construction cost for the construction of roads, sanitary sewer, pump station, water mains and drainage facilities for the Phase 3 Industrial Park plan as proposed by Langseth Engineering in April 2003: Ayes: 3, Nays: 1 (Moshier), Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

New Business

Wellhead Grant

04-262

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers to accept the Wellhead Protection Grant, to expend the \$3,000.00 match, and authorize the City Manager to sign any of the documents necessary: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Christmas Walk

Doug Meroney from GUDA gave the Council an overview of this year's Annual Christmas Walk on November 20, 2004 and invited them to host a location in the old Boards and Beyond location on the corner of Michigan Avenue and the Business Loop.

There is a \$25.00 vendor fee payable to GUDA that the Council members each paid \$5.00 out of their pocket for. The City Council will have donut holes and hot chocolate available for the public.

Citizens Who Wish To Speak

The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

Doug Meroney

Kay Cosgray

Reports

VIII.

ZBA

Planning Commission

Parks & Recreation Committee

DDA

Fire Committee

Bike Path Committee

City Manager

Councilperson Moshier

Councilperson Palmer

Mayor Ferrigan

City Clerk

IX.

Correspondence

Revised On Call List for Handbook

Police Department Monthly Report for

October 2004

Police Department Nuisance Violation

Report for October 2004

USDA Letter October 26, 2004

Fire Department Monthly Report for October 2004

Letter from Director of Office of Public Housing October 28, 2004

Letter from Sheriff Wakefield November 4, 2004

Gosling Czubak Planning Perspectives Fall 2004

League Legislative Link - November 8, 2004

S.T.I.N.G. Letter - October 27, 2004

X. Adjournment

04-263

Moved by Moshier that the meeting be adjourned, Mayor Ferrigan Adjourned the meeting at 8:28 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 22nd day of November 2004

Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Ferrigan at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Joe Ferrigan, Roger Moshier, Larry Akers, Kim McClain.

Dennis Palmer

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Chad Beckett, Melissa Beckett, Tom Wellman, Mark Hurley, Tim Roache, Klaus Heinert

III. Work Session

A. Capital Improvement Projects

Discussed possible future infrastructure projects.

04-264

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to extend the meeting past 9:30 PM: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

04-265

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers to amend the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Income Tax Fund Expenditures in accordance with the Capital Improvement Projects as attached, amending the policy of a \$400,000 minimum balance in the Income Tax Fund to a minimum Balance of \$215,000: Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (McClain), Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

04-266

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier to approve the contract with Gosling Czubak for Engineering on Lawndale and Fulton in the amount of \$18,500: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Correspondence

Boards & Commissions Terms and Expirations

Proposed Schedule for 2005 City Council Meetings

Schedule of 2005 Holiday Closings

Email from Doug Meroney

League Legislative Link November 15, 2004

Week In Review by Matt Gillard November 12, 2004

MML Fax Alert November 17, 2004

V. Adjournment

04-267

Moved by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned, Mayor Ferrigan Adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

Allen Lowe

City Manager

Acting Clerk

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

## FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

GARY & SANDRA CUSTER, Husband and Wife Plaintiff

v.

RICHARD & TRACEY ARDEMA Husband and Wife Defendants

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C. By: Kyle T. Legel (P59523)

Attorney for Plaintiff

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

Grayling, MI 49738

989 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 8th day of November 2004, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 28th day of January 2005 at 10:00 in the forenoon the following described property, situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 3: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 7, thence S. 88°00'E, 662.4 feet to point of Beginning; thence N14°46'E, 331.2 feet; thence S87°51'E, 333.19 feet; thence S32°W along 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N87°54'W, 334.53 feet to Point of Beginning.

Dated: December 13, 2004

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-16-23-30-6-13-20

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ROUCHIELL CHILDRESS, Plaintiff

v.

RUTH WARE and GARY GUNNELS Defendants

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: Kyle T. Legel (P59523)

Attorney for Plaintiff

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The North 1/2 of West 1/2 of East 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, including a 1979 14x70 Academy Mobile Home, Serial No. 0533415M 14x70.

Dated: December 10, 2004

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-16-23-30-6-13-20

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE NOV. 2004 - DEC. 2005

(The board meets the second Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Deveraux Memorial Crawford County Library 201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738.)

November 11	June 9
December 9	July 14
January 13	August 11
February 10	September 8
March 10	October 13
April 12	November 10
May 12	December 8

The Library Will Be Closed On The Following Dates:

November 25 and 26, Thanksgiving and the day after  
December 24 and 25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
January 1, New Years Day  
February 21, President's Day  
May 30, Memorial Day  
July 4, Independence Day  
July 30, River Festival  
September 5, Labor Day  
November 24 and 25, Thanksgiving and the day after  
December 24 and 25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
January 2, New Years Day Celebrated (Monday)

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# FEATURES

## A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



A swiss steak dinner held at the Grayling Holiday Inn December 7 netted more than \$2,700 to be donated to the Crawford AuSable Library and athletic funds. Ron Fraser, owner of the Holiday Inn donated more than 600 dinners, the use of his facility and paid his employees to serve and cook the dinner. The proceeds were donated to the Grayling Youth Booster Club's athletic fund and to C.H.I.L.D. (Committee Hoping for Interim Library Dollars). Pictured above left to right: Claudia Elmasian-Delp, Rose Duley and Joyce Garland, C.H.I.L.D. members; Ron Fraser, Holiday Inn owner; Irv McIsaac, Grayling Youth Booster Club; Hertha Laupmanis, JoAnn Cox and Charlie Stephan, Holiday Inn personnel who organized the excellent dinner.

### 23 Years Ago December 17, 1981

Kiwanis Club members Joe Stripe, Jay Doty and George Spencer spent much of last week putting together this year's issue of the Old Newsboy Edition. The Kiwanis Christmas newspaper will be sold throughout the Grayling area this Friday and proceeds will be used to fund the club's charity programs. After netting \$1,300 from a swiss steak dinner, C.H.I.L.D. (Committee Hoping for Interim Library dollars) has raised enough money to reopen school library doors. The Crawford AuSable School Board approved an alterna-

tive funding program for the libraries Monday night and their doors will open after the Christmas break. Crawford AuSable School District voters emphatically turned down a 3.75 millage increase request last Thursday by a 2012 to 783 vote. Two hundred and fifty more voters turned out for the special December election than the last school election in August. Chuck and Karen Huber are the proud parents of a baby boy, Travis Charles, born on November 23, 1981 at Otsego Memorial Hospital. Mr. Tom St.Germain's 7th grade geography classes have had four spelling contests already this year.

The winners have been: Erin Hickey, Chris Helton, Tim Zigilia and Kim McDonough. Art Clough Real Estate announces the sale of the Grayling house to Brooke and Sharon Doran and have changed the name to M. B. Doran's. Brooke and Sharon regret they will not be able to be here full time and have engaged Julie Duncley as their manager.

### 46 Years Ago December 18, 1958

The weather man certainly co-operated with the Grayling Winter Sports Park for its opening December 6. The park operated full tilt weekends and Thursday night since that date, with large numbers of fans coming out to use the facilities. President Bill Joseph reports that the two new ropes are certainly expected for the coming weekend.

The Grayling Fire Department was called to the former Kerry & Hanson Flooring Mill, now owned by the Hirschfield Lumber Co. of Bay City, to extinguish a fire in the floor of the building which was started by the crew which is taking the equipment out of the building. The Department had been notified by the crew to stand by when they began work, as the floors were so oil soaked there was a possibility of a fire, as blow torches were being used to aid in the dismantling of the place.

### 69 Years Ago December 19, 1935

Alfred Hanson, Chevrolet dealer, delivered two new 1936 town sedans this week, one to Paul Ziebell and the other to Supt. Gerald Poor, and a coach to Gerald Herrick. A crew of men have been busy

getting Grayling's Winter Sports Park in readiness for cold weather and snow, when the big toboggan slides, skating rink and other features will again be humming with the purr of steel runners.

### 92 Years Ago December 19, 1912

Frederic's big tract of hardwood timber northwest of the village will soon be a thing of the past, same as our lofty pines have been. F.B. Ward has a camp located 3 3/4 miles from town. Sandy Harvey, as foreman, with his crew of 80 men, make it lay lower every day.

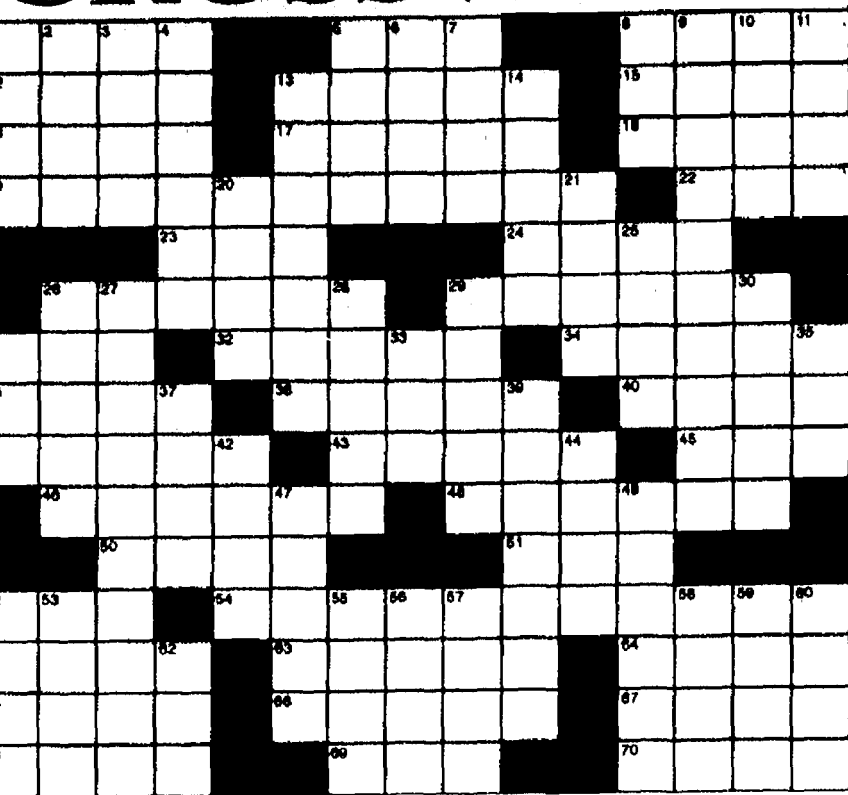
Miss Margaret Hemmingsen, who has been working in Johannesburg for some time, is home again and is the new clerk at Simpson's grocery store.

The Bommarita Brothers of Saginaw brought a carload of 1400 Christmas trees from Riverside farm, down the river, assisted by Messrs. Becraft and Henry Stephan.

Dr. S.N. Insley gave an old fashioned stag party last Tuesday evening, in honor of Dr. C.C. Wescott, of Ewen.

O.F. Barnes, secretary of the Crawford County Commercial Association, has been given some of his personal assistance to Governor-Elect Ferris and doing numerous other things. He also has been keeping in close touch with the progress toward locating the National Guard Military camp here, and doing many other good things in interest of the association.

## CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Complimentary ticket.
2. Almanac of services used in the English church before the Reformation.
3. Small area visibly different from the surrounding area.
4. Sprinkles with sand.
5. Blood vessel carrying blood from the capillaries toward the heart.
6. Female horse.
7. Become wide.
8. Chill.
9. Paroxysmal pain and soreness of the muscles between the ribs.
10. Town in Monmouthshire in South Wales.
11. Acronym for Department of Licensing.
12. To come off, as in flakes.
13. Used as a drinking toast.
14. Reaching high into the air.
15. Acronym for Alliance for a Living Ocean.
16. Decorative sticker.
17. Abominable snowmen.
18. 28th state of the Union.
19. Harmonic interval of an octave and a second.
20. Ratio of the opposite side to the hypotenuse.
21. Black leaf-shaped figure on certain playing cards.
22. British variant of "odor."
23. In a direction away from the inside.
24. Cardinal number equal to 10 plus one.
25. Soiled spots.
26. City in north-central Oklahoma.
27. Acronym for Clinical Research Trail.
28. Acronym for Prisoner of War.
29. Faint.
30. To move so as to bar passage through something.
31. Largest city in Peru.
32. To find pleasant.
33. Large, valved brass wind instruments with a bass pitch.
34. Rebroff, German singer.
35. Hindmost part.
36. Cloak.
37. Situation requiring investigation by the police.
1. Place, usually in the country, for recreation during the summer.
2. Mineral of hydrated silica.
3. Small lake.
4. Counterfeit.
5. Past tense of pay.
6. Nickname of USS Independence.
7. Barbara ... I Dream of Jeanie.
8. Acronym for Single Variable Inversion.
9. Embezzlement of funds.
10. Single entities.
11. Tedious undertaking.
12. Overblown.
13. Shot, especially a gunshot, from a concealed place.
14. Open, generally public way for the passage of vehicles.
15. Light-hearted.
16. To present false information with the intention of deceiving.
17. Stretch of ground forming a natural incline.
18. Rick ... acting director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.
19. Descendant.
20. Low female singing voices.
21. Roache, Robert Kennedy in 2002 TV movie RPK.
22. Acronym for Accident Investigation Site.
23. Used to indicate a result.
24. To prescribe as a time for.
25. Largest city in Yemen.
26. Bins for storage.
27. Wicked.
28. Not widely known.
29. Formal pronunciation.
30. Relating to ancient Italy.
31. Bombard.
32. Acronym for Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
33. To indulge in something excessively.
34. One who wanders from place to place without a permanent home.
35. Acronym for Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group.
36. Operatic prima donna.
37. Acronym for Emergency Message Authentication System.
38. Person of Danish ancestry.
39. Elongated fish of many genera and species.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## PEANUT & JELLY THUMBPRINTS

- 1/2 cup softened butter

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups flour

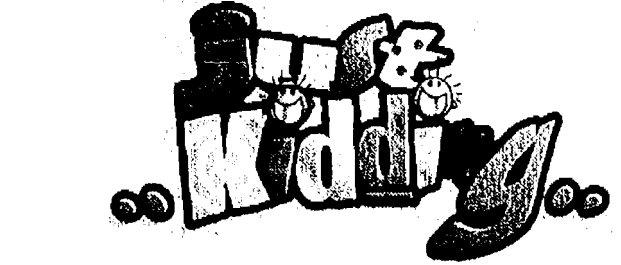
Pinch salt

1/2 cup finely chopped peanuts

1/3 cup jam or jelly

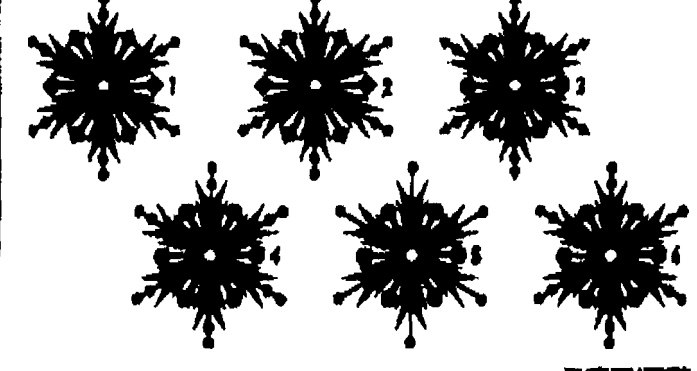
Preheat oven to 350° F. Cream butter and peanut butter together until smooth. Add brown sugar and beat until smooth. Beat in egg, vanilla, mix until light and fluffy. Add sifted flour, salt, mixing constantly until well blended. Roll dough into one inch balls. Roll each ball over chopped peanuts and place balls on cookie tar-

gets on an ungreased Precisionware cookie sheet. Press thumb into center of dough to make a small indent. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake about 10-12 minutes, until set and pale golden brown on the edges. Cool on sheet about 5 minutes, and then remove. Fill each cookie with 1/4 teaspoon of jam or jelly. Yields 30 cookies.



## FIND THE TWINS

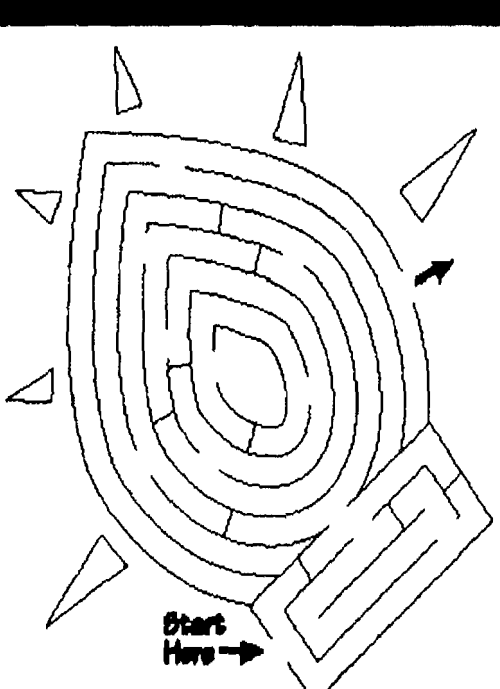
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## DID YOU KNOW??

Pedals were added to bicycles in 1839.

## MAZE



## ADOPT A PET



The Animal Shelter has a few kittens for Christmas this year. They are spayed or neutered and front clawed. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

Need a Christmas gift idea? Dog Opoly and other board games (\$25) available at The Copy Shop. Calendars (\$5) and cookbooks (\$15) available at the Avalanche. All proceeds to the shelter. Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe Chemical Bank and the shelter. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of December 16, 2004

- December 22 - January 19

Take nothing for granted at work this week. Don't overlook any details and keep track of everything. Your boss is watching!
- March 21 - April 19

Change can be frightening, but this week, you'll have to meet a deadline. The project has hit a snag and you need to make a radical turn.
- June 22 - July 22

A business relationship sours. Admit your mistake and bring in the boss to help soothe things over. A blunder at home turns out to be a blessing.
- September 23 - October 22

An investment proves fruitful. Celebrate your foresight and spend your earnings wisely. A package throws you for a loop.
- January 20 - February 18

An improvement in the interior of your home turns out beautifully. Show off your work to friends and family. A task at the office proves daunting.
- April 20 - May 20

A friendship flounders. Do whatever it takes to save it—you won't regret it. With some organization, the mountain of paperwork on your desk will disappear.
- July 23 - August 22

Antsy describes your current state of mind. You can't seem to wait for anything. Be patient and good things will come.
- October 23 - November 21

Take everything you hear this week with a grain of salt. The gossip mill is working overtime and rumors are flying. A friend makes an announcement.
- January 19 - February 20

You can be hard, sometimes too hard. Not everything has to be perfect. Let up and go easy on yourself and those around you.
- May 21 - June 21

Life is what you make of it, so go ahead and choose. Either continue to get bogged down in the little things and be miserable, or make light of them and be happy.
- August 23 - September 22

You've been much too serious lately. Take a breather, let your hair down and have some fun. For once, let people see your silly side.
- November 22 - December 21

Travel is on the agenda. Pack your bags and get ready for an adventure. A mistake in an account is resolved quickly.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	SNOW	(Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
12/8	35	32	1						
12/9	40	31	0						
12/10	40	31	0						
12/11	36	26	.5	High 35	High 32	High 38	High 31	High 20	High 32
12/12	31	20	1.5	Low 17	Low 23	Low 26	Low 11	Low 10	Low 18
12/13	33	25	3	Rain/Snow	Heavy Cloudy	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Overcast Snow Showers
12/14	26	10	2						



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www.townnews.com/avalanche/

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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

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from seller. \$65,000, 359.73 pay-  
ment. 517-543-3057. (-18-25-2-  
9-16/1)

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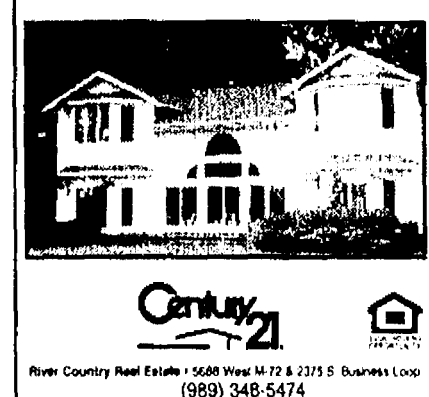
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49686

### 1. Real Estate

**HUNTERS RECREATION**  
property, two plus acres.  
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\$13,900. County road frontage,  
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7355. (-11/25/04t/f/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**Connie L. Winans**  
80 feet  
of frontage  
on Houghton  
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Outstanding  
views from nearly every room.  
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths.  
Fantastic kitchen, master suite  
has fireplace, 15x15 bath  
w/jacuzzi tub and 10x15 walk-  
in closet. Also a 3 car garage.  
\$619,000 #5174



### 1. Real Estate

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**  
by owners about 5 acres, M-72  
West, 480' by 475'. 989-348-  
4981 (-16-23-30/1)

**TWO NEW STICK BUILT**  
homes. \$1,800 sq. ft. and 960 sq.  
ft. 348-4840. (-16-23-30-6/1)

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN**  
Properties www.centu-  
ry21grayling.com (-17/99t/f/1)

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2888 or 989-348-6579. \*(For  
example: yearly income for a  
family of 4 \$39,100 or less.) (-  
LR2/10/05/1)

### 1. Real Estate

This home has great curb appeal.  
Exceptional four bedroom home with  
two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358  
s/f of custom living space. Located on  
the Fox Run golf course this home fea-  
tures an attached garage and 20x36  
detached garage for additional stor-  
age. #5363 \$299,000

**River Country Real Estate**  
5688 West M-72  
(989) 578-1102

### 1. Real Estate

**NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto**  
Glass (a division of JJ's Motor  
Mall). Complete auto glass ser-  
vice. Deductibles waived up to  
\$150.00, stone chips fixed, wind-  
shield repair and replacement.  
Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's  
Auto Glass (across from Skip's)  
M-72 West. 348-7710. (-  
9/9/04t/f/1)

**NICELY MAINTAINED** en-  
ergy efficient 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath  
home on double lot. Two blocks  
from Lake Margrethe, includes  
public access and close to snow-  
mobile trails. \$89,000. 989-344-  
0099. (-2-9-16-23-30/1)

**601 OGEMAW AT MAPLE**  
120 X 120 corner lot, house "as  
is," drastically reduced! 348-  
4124. (-16/1)

### 1. Real Estate

4 Bedroom home on 10 acres. Large  
two story 'A' frame home with floor to  
ceiling windows looking out on a  
beautiful wooded setting. Big  
detached garage and pole barn for all  
the toys. Private and secluded just  
five miles east of Grayling. \$189,000  
#5273.

**River Country Real Estate**  
5688 West M-72  
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### 2. For Rent

**HOUSE & CABINS** at Lost  
Acres Large 3-4 bedroom log  
home w/new flooring and paint.  
Garage not included \$595 plus  
\$600 security and all utilities.  
One bedroom cabins for rent  
\$375, including all utilities plus  
\$200 security. 30 wooded acres.  
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south of Waters. Walk to Blue  
Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at  
877-277-6976 or at 586-216-  
0682. Sorry, no pets allowed. (-  
11/4/04t/f/2)

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room home with view and access  
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garage, plenty of room to store  
your toys, large lot and friendly  
neighbors. Kitchen appliances  
included. Close to snowmobile  
trails and Hanson Hills. \$800 per  
month plus security. No pets.  
Call 586-228-2874. (-2-9-16-23-  
30/2)

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**MENT** with garage and appli-  
ances. 348-8471. (-9-16/2)

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**Above the Crowd!**

**CITY LOCATION WITH DOUBLE CORNER LOT.**  
Full finished basement, newly remodeled including  
hardwood flooring, windows, siding. 3 br, 2 bath,  
two car detached garage. \$78,900. CH-1932

**SPACIOUS HOME IN EAST BRANCH ESTATES** fea-  
tures beautiful towering pine trees in a park-like set-  
ting. This 2080 s.f. 4BR, 2BA home includes a remod-  
eled family room, updated roof, water softener, all  
appliances, and two woodburners. Priced right and  
conveniently located. Land contract terms, down pay-  
ment assistance available, easement to East Branch  
AuSable River and State Land. Mostly furnished. Has  
wood burner. CH-1933 \$73,000

**PRIME RETAIL LOCATION** Currently  
Patriot Dollar Store. Price for Real Estate  
Only. List of fixtures & equipment avail-  
able. Building is 2,384 Sq. Ft., including  
23x64 Display, 10x40 storage, 16x24  
Office, plus 1/2 bath. Updated roof, elec-  
tric, and central A/C. CH-2048 \$79,900

**DEEDED PRIVATE ACCESS TO LAKE MAR-**  
**GRETHE** only 150 sq. ft. away. This 1,500 sq. ft. 3BR,  
2BA home features a spacious family room w/wood  
burning stove, 12x27 enclosed porch storage shed,  
appliance and attached finished garage w/hot  
tub. Newer roof, windows, water pump, garage door  
& front door. Located on a beautiful landscaped lot  
in Sunset Park Subdivision. CH-2008 \$175,900

**EXCEPTIONALLY BUILT HOME SITS ON**  
**SECLUDED 10 ACRES SURROUNDED BY**  
**STATE LAND** 2300 sq. ft. Ranch 3 bedroom, 2  
bath, large great room w/land kitchen. Great  
view from deck with hot tub. Landscaped with  
electrical, lighting, water and pet area. Lots of  
storage inside and out, especially with 3 car  
attached garage. Access to 1-75, hunting, and  
snowmobile trails. Plenty more, it's a must see to  
appreciate the North Country of K's finest  
heavily wooded and an additional 10 acres for  
\$30,000. CS-9931 \$295,000

**185' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUS-**  
**ABLE RIVER.** Handyman special sits 50' from  
the river edge with picturesque setting offering  
2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with  
2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage  
with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed.  
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cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000

**YOUNG COUPLES; RETIRED COUPLES!**  
Here's the house to fit your needs and wallet.  
New carpet, new paint, some new windows. Built  
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**RIVER** Cute 3 bedroom, 1 full bath offering 760  
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**NEW LISTING**  
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3rd bedroom, walkout basement and  
stunning wilderness view. Close to  
many recreational amenities...truly a  
must see! #5427 \$140,000

**NEW LISTING**  
279' on AuSable River! But that's not  
all...access to Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail  
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tained brick home w/full basement, cozy  
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On the banks of the Manistee 3.7  
acres and 172' of river frontage! 3 bed-  
room rustic log home w/full basement.  
Featuring pine wood floors, open log  
stair case, stunning view of the twists  
and bends of the Manistee! #5426  
\$235,000

**NEW LISTING**  
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124' on Kolkha Creek. Home features  
cathedral ceilings, loft area as possible  
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**NEW LISTING**  
This stunning home on the 9th fairway of  
Fox Run golf course features four bed-  
rooms and two one-half bathrooms.  
The kitchen is magnificent with built in  
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10 Acres! Perfect for all outdoor sports.  
Great home with CENTRAL AIR, 3  
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room and more...Price includes a 1  
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garage with upper bonus room, and an  
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with many updates, Newer furnace, New  
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Home has immediate occupancy at close.  
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**THREE BEDROOM MOBILE** 1 1/2 bath, private land off M-72 by Burton's Landing. \$350 month, plus utilities. (989) 348-6674 or (877) 365-2007. (-16-23-30/2)

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**TWO BEDROOM** two bath on river one mile from town. \$550.00 per month, 989-389-7375. (-16-23/2)

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## 2. For Rent

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## 3. Employment

**RN CASE MANAGER**  
Mercy Hospital Grayling has a full time opening for a Case Manager. Qualified applicants will have current license in the State of Michigan as a Registered Nurse and 3-5 years experience in clinical care. Recent Case Management or utilization experience in a hospital setting preferred. The Case Manager will coordinate and manage care to meet multiple needs of patients. Responsible for ensuring continuity of care and coordinating efforts to insure fiscal efficiency and quality clinical outcomes. Excellent salary and benefit package. Qualified candidates please contact:

Mercy Hospital Grayling Human Resources  
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Phone: 989-348-0570 Fax: 989-348-0485  
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## 1. Real Estate

**COLDWELL BANKER**

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Laurie Jamison Broker/Owner  
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**GRAYLING**  
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Apartments 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom units available. Persons must be 62 yrs. or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent based on income. No minimum. Mention this ad and receive your first month rent free. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-25-2-9-16/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** for rent. \$400 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04t/2)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03t/2)

## 3. Employment

**LOVELLS RIVERSIDE TAV-ERN** hiring experienced wait-staff, dishwashers, and cooks for snow season. 6535 East County Road 612, Grayling. 989-348-5690. (-25-2-9-16/3)

**MANAGER/ASSISTANT MANAGER** needed at the Grayling Econo Lodge. Experience required. 989-390-9000 (-16/3)

**DAY CONSTRUCTION** looking for one laborer and one carpenter. Call 989-275-4856 (-16-23-30-6/3)

## 2. For Rent

**FOR RENT**  
**Grayling Housing Commission**  
Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income  
Maximum Ceiling Rents  
1 Bedroom.....\$400  
Rent Includes Utilities  
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## 3. Employment

**INSURANCE INSPECTOR** (part time). Need independent contractor to cover Crawford, Otsego, Charlevoix, Antrim. Must have dependable car. Internet and Digital camera helpful. Write: Insurance, 24469 Greenfield, Southfield, MI 48075. (-16-23/3)

**TAKING APPLICATIONS** for cooks, wait staff, tow operators and ticket sales. Applications are available after 4:30 on Friday and after 12:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Skyline Ski and Country Club. (-16/3)

**100 WORKERS NEEDED** Assemble crafts, wood items. Materials provided. To \$480+ week. Free information package 24 hour. 801-428-4641. (-2-9-16/3)

## 4. Services Offered

**SNOWPLOWING** Residential and commercial. Dependable service and reasonable rates. Call Dale at 989-348-5848, 989-710-1082. (-9-16/4)

**D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAIN-ING** Northern Driving School is offering Segment I and II classes. Grayling - January, March and May; Roscommon - February and April; Mio - February. Summer classes TBA soon. Call now: (989)344-2470 or (989)732-8332. (-16-23-30-6/4)

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**TOM'S POLE BUILDINGS** has immediate openings for construction of Pole Buildings. You still have time to build before the snow flies. Featuring Ultra 2000 for siding and roofing. If you want the best call Tom's 1-800-541-3974. (-11/4/04t/4)

**SEWING, ZIPPERS, MEND-ING** quilter (classes offered). Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (-9-16-23-30/4)

## 3. Employment

**DIRECTOR OF QUALITY MANAGEMENT**  
**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking a dynamic, experienced person to fill the position of Director of Quality Management. Licensed health care professional with a Bachelor's Degree in a health related field required. Minimum 3 years experience in clinical department leadership/management. One or more years risk management or quality management preferred. Demonstrated knowledge with hospital accreditation standards. The Director of Quality Management is responsible for planning and implementing the performance improvement program to meet the standards of Mercy Hospital Grayling. Oversight responsibility for all regulatory body surveys including JCAHO, State Licensing Review, HCFA Validation Surveys as well as all performance improvement activities conducted throughout the institution. Excellent salary and benefit package. If you are the person who can fill the role, please contact:

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## 1. Real Estate

**BUSY THIS HOLIDAY SEA-SON?** Don't have time to clean. Call Ginger and Missy. We do residential and business. Call 989-348-7082. (-16/4)

**NEED A RIDE** Call the taxi, G's Taxi that is. Go ahead call for reservations for New Years Eve. 989-344-1142. (-16/4)

**SNOWPLOWING BEST PRICES** around. Call anytime. Cheaper by the season, you decide. 989-348-0153, 710-0049 cell. (-16-23-30-6/4)

**GREAT GIFT IDEA** Discount car wash coupons make great stocking stuffers. Starting at \$4, we have all price ranges. Stop at Diane's Car Wash in Grayling or call 989-348-5384 and we can mail or deliver. (-16-23/4)

**DRIVER'S TRAINING** and road testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the January 31 or April 18 class. Contact Howard Lehti 348-8838. Lowest rates in Northern Michigan. (-25-2-9-16-30-6-13-20-27/4)

## 3. Employment

**Certified Nursing Assistants** - We have openings on the Afternoon and Midnight shift. If you are looking for a quality employer who appreciates you give us a call. We have great pay, and great employees. Come join us. Apply today at:

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**JERRY'S SNOWPLOWING**, walks, roofs entrance way, also firewood. 20 plus years experience. Call 989-348-7046

**NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass** (a division of JJ's Motor Mall). Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West. 348-7710. (-9/9/04t/4)

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**WHITE GLOVE** Cleaning. Professional services, references available. Please call 989-348-6031. (-16-23/4)

**LICENSED DAY CARE** openings for infant to 6 years. Healthy, happy and fun care. 989-348-5560. (-9-16-23/4)

**TOO BUSY TO BAKE** for the holidays? I can bake these yummy treats for you: sugar cookies, gingerbread men, pumpkin bread and banana bread. Call Mimi at 989-348-4037. (-16/4)

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Human Resources  
Mercy Hospital Grayling,  
1100 E. Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738  
Phone (989) 348-0570 Fax (989) 348-048  
Email: slewis@trinity-health.org

**MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING FULL-TIME POSITIONS:**

**CLINICAL ASSISTANT**  
Graduate of an accredited Certified Medical Assistant Course/program or registered RN or LPN with minimum two years office based experience required. Responsible for coordinating the flow of all clinic patients under the supervision of a Physician. Experience in orthopedics a plus.

**MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
High School diploma or equivalent required. General office skills with previous medical office experience preferred. Candidates must have excellent customer service skills and will perform a wide variety of clerical duties in an orthopedic medical office.

**RADIOLOGICAL TECH I**  
Associates Degree required. Current State of Michigan certificate from an accredited program in Radiologic Technology or registry eligible. Responsible for performing diagnostic medical radiographs to both inpatient and outpatient orthopedic patients.

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**RESIDENTIAL**

**NEW LISTING**  
RECENTLY REMODELED HOME IN COUNTRY SETTING. Charming, well maintained home in country setting with 1,152 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a 30'x60' insulated and heated detached garage. This recently remodeled home has many updates. Road maintenance is included in the tax bill. Situated close to the AuSable River, it adjoins thousands of acres of the Huron National Forest property. \$97,500 #230661

**NICE CHALET CLOSE TO TRAILS** 3 bedroom Chalet near state land and trails for summer and winter use. Just needs some finishing touches. Could be a year-round home. \$65,000 #233800

**COUNTRY HOME FULL OF CHARM** This well built 3BR, 2 bath country home only 5 miles from town offers seclusion and sits on 10 acres. Amenities include a gas fireplace to warm the home, and built-in curio cabinets. Kitchen has been redone and new vinyl siding installed. Also includes a breezeway and full basement. \$169,900 #233985

**PERFECT INVESTMENT HOME** 3BR, 1 bath investment home offers 1,600 sqft, natural gas, close to town and river activities. This property is to be sold "as is." \$58,500 #234802

**NICE HOME W/ CENTRAL AIR** Gorgeous country setting. 3 BR, 2 bath home offers 1540 sqft, central air, 28'x30' garage, and fireplace. Sits on 1.36 acres, adjoins 40 acres of state land, and is close to Kirtland College. \$115,000 #234830

**40 ACRES WITH BEAUTIFUL CREEK** Well-maintained 2BR, 2 bath house/cabin on 40 acres with creek running through property. 24'x24' pole barn to store "toys." Ideal hunting and snowmobiling location, and only about 1 mile out of the village of Kalkaska. \$148,999 #234834

**UP NORTH GETAWAY** Great location with all amenities for the Up North property/getaway. Tucked away on a manicured lawn with the remainder of the 13.23 acres wooded. Large pole barn, heated front-free hydrant. Exterior RV hook-up with slab. 2 bedroom mobile home with large deck and roof-over in good condition. \$229,900 #234835

**CHARMING FULL-LOG CABIN** Charming 3BR, 1 bath log cabin with many updates including ceramic tile and newer carpet. Close to ski park and easy-on, easy-off the expressway. 2-car garage with lift and out access doors. \$69,900 #234862



**SEARS CROSS WALK** treadmill, heavy duty \$400 or best offer. 60 x 24, 989-348-5732 (-16/5)

**TWO BERNHARDT CHAIRS** Down-filled cushions. Cost over \$800 each. One flex-steel chair. All in excellent condition, asking \$100 each. 348-5384. (16-23/7)

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**FOOTON** Excellent condition, \$120. Igloo dog house, ex. large, not used, \$60. 348-4583. (-16/5)

**CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES** for sale, shots and wormed. Great Christmas gifts. 989-344-9122. (-16/5)

**WESTERN PLOW** 1992 8 1/2' Good condition, Unimount Quick Release. \$1,500. 1-989-348-5275. (-9-16-23-30/5)

**YAMAHA CLAVINOVA CVP-25** Electronic piano, 128 voices, 99 rhythm styles, bench. \$1,185. 344-8032. (SGF-9-16/5)

**CRAFT AND STUFF SALE** December 16 and 17, noon until 7 p.m., Lone Pine Restaurant. (-16/5)

**J. DAP** is the place to get stocking stuffers for kids of all ages! J. Dap has toys for kids, candles, jewelry, specialty foods, beads and more. Stop by 118 Michigan Avenue and load up on your stocking stuffers! (-16-23/5)

**KINGS FARMS CHRISTMAS TREES** wreaths, garland and grave blankets. Lot on Tower Hill Road, Houghton Lake. Open November 22 - December 23, 9 am - 7 pm daily. New phone: 989-422-3002. (-18-25-2-9-16/5)

**8 MONTH OLD** yellow lab puppy. Male with papers. \$300. \$21-5319. (-10/21/04/17/5)

**FOR SALE** - Sears Kenmore large capacity washing machine, like new. \$150. Call Eric at 348-3308. (-10/21/04/17/5)

**STOP BY J. DAP** Saturday, December 18 and sample some of our specialty foods and register to win Yankee Candles. (-16/5)

**ONE AND ONE HALF** year male blue healer lab mix, neutered, free. Ron or Melissa 989-344-9037. (-16/5)

#### 4. Services Offered

**COMPLETE SEPTIC TANK** INSTALLATION & CLEANING Jack Millikin, Inc. 348-8411 www.jackmillikininc.com

#### 5. For Sale

**MOVING AUCTION**  
Dec. 18th. 10AM MIO.  
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#### 8. Announcements

**FREE CLASSES** in Financial Management, Budgeting and Credit Repair starting in September. Sign up now to reserve your space. Classes held in both Gaylord and Grayling. Call Alice TOLL FREE at 866-637-1834 or Lemae at 989-348-8446

**NEED A LAST** minute gift? J. Dap has a large selection of gifts at affordable prices. Don't forget your hairdresser, mailman or your favorite secretary. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. (-16-23/5)

**FOR SALE** 89 Ford Ranger, \$475. Snowblower elec. start, \$525. Gas stove, \$75. Wall furnace, \$200. Space heater oil, \$200. 989-344-2270. (-10/21/04/17/5)

**RUSTIC LOG FURNITURE** local maker has quality pieces available. Built to order. Lower overhead means lower prices to you. Portable sawmilling service also available. Call 348-6677. If no answer, please leave message. (-12/9/04/17/5)

**QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP** mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03/17/5)

**QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS** set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03/17/5)

**AMISH BUILT** pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03/17/5)

#### 7. Miscellaneous

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**4 X 8 LIGHTED SIGNS** for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295 (4/24/03/17/7)

**CUSTOM SIGNS AND LETTERING** for your business, truck, trailer, boat, etc. Call Pete Kocofas 989-348-8627. (05/13/04/17/7)

#### 4. Services Offered

**Odd-Job Enterprises**  
Let us do your small home repairs  
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LTC. Norm Schmooch (Ret.)  
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No odd jobs too small for Odd Job

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#### 5. For Sale

**O HOLY ST. JUDE** Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ. Faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present, urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Mary's and Gloria's. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. (-16/7)

**FRED BEAR CAMPFIRE STORIES** all new audio CD. Call Pete Kocofas 989-348-8627 or www.FredBearCampfireStories.com. (-6/24/04/17/7)

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**AS OF FEBRUARY 2004** Ed, Lori Limmel are separated and Ed is no longer responsible for any of her debts. (-16-23/8)

#### 4. Services Offered

**Therapeutic Massage for Women & Children**  
1 hour - \$30.00  
1/2 hour - \$15.00 (full body)  
Children - \$10.00  
Also available - wax dip for hands and feet and soothing hand massage with heated warmers. Chair massage at request.  
Kellie Kitchen  
611 Chestnut  
989-348-2749

#### 11. Automotive

**STOP BY J. DAP** Saturday, December 18 and sample some of our specialty foods and register to win Yankee Candles. (-16/8)

**CLUB KENO & PULL TABS** at the Gray Rock Cafe! The Gray Rock Cafe has given away over \$145,000 to its patrons. Plus one loyal patron was a \$4,000 winner! Join the fun at 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (-05/06/04/17/8)

**OLD MAN WINTER** is coming. Is your car ready for him? Let JJ's Motor Mall protect your vehicle with a complete detail (wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires). Appointment necessary. M-72 West. 348-7710. (-9/9/04/17/8)

**OPEN HOUSE** You are invited to view my collection/farm toys, trucks and my museum, Saturday, December 18, 2004, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Robert Squanda, 3855 Juniper Way, Grayling, Michigan. Refreshments will be served. (-9-16/8)

#### 11. Automotive

**1999 DODGE RAM 2500 HD** 4x4. Regular cab, 8' box, v-10, automatic, snow plow package, trailer package, electric heated mirrors, etc. 56,000 mi., 8' Western Pro snowplow. \$11,900 OBO. Call 989-275-8987 (-16/11)

**98 JEEP CHEROKEE** Classic, 4x4, good condition, 78,000 miles. \$6,200. 989-348-9147. (-2-9-16/11)

#### 7. Miscellaneous

#### Crossword Answers

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